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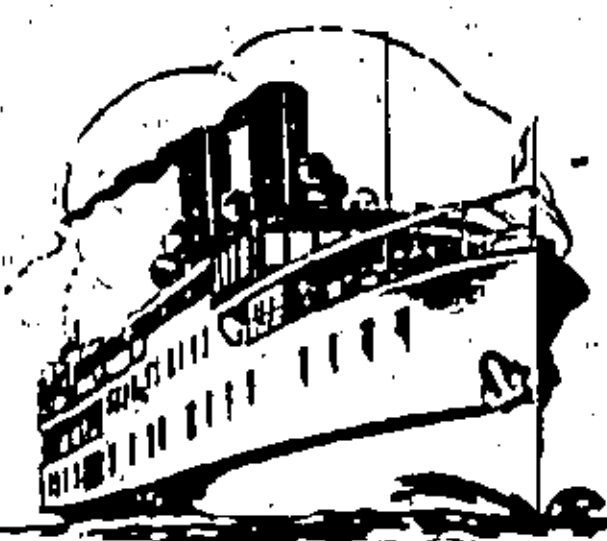
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KING EDWARD

TENSE SCENE IN PARLIAMENT

Premier's Statement

London, Dec. 10.
Never was the House of Commons so full as it was to-day. All the benches were packed with the exception of the places of the Premier, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Labour leader and Sir Archibald Sinclair Liberal leader. The Peers' Diplomatic and Dominion's galleries likewise were very full. Many were unable to obtain admission.

Fifty questions were quickly answered, mostly inaudibly, amid the excited hum of the tense audience.

All were obviously conscious of the gravity of the most historic Parliamentary occasion since the outbreak of the War.

As the murky and foggy daylight of the December afternoon faded, the lights were switched on, throwing into greater relief the sombreness of the scene. Nearly everyone, including the women, wore black, matching the sadness of their thoughts.

PRIME MINISTER ENTERS

Mr. Stanley Baldwin entered at 3.35 p.m., and was received with a restrained but full and whole-hearted cheer. He sat between Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Sir John Simon.

The Premier was very pale. He wore a short black coat, striped trousers and a black tie.

Mr. Baldwin rose slowly and walked to the bar of the House, holding a paper, and announced a message from the King, signed by his own hand.

Mr. Baldwin said: "I have to move His Majesty's most gracious message to be now considered. No graver message has ever been received by Parliament and no more difficult, I may almost say repugnant, task has ever been imposed upon a Prime Minister (Sym- pathetic cheers).

"I would ask the House which I know will not be without sympathy for me in my position, to-day (Renewed sympathetic cheers) to remember in this last week I had but little time in which to compose a speech for delivery. So I must tell what I have to tell truthfully, sincerely and plainly, with no attempt at dressing up or adornment.

"I shall have little or nothing to say in the way of comment or any criticism or praise or blame. I think my best course is to tell so far as I can what passed between His Majesty and myself and what led up to the present situation.

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THE KING HAS ABDICATED.

AT A SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS "THE MOST HISTORIC PARLIAMENTARY OCCASION SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR," THE SPEAKER READ WITH EMOTION THE INSTRUMENT OF ABDICATION SIGNED AT FORT BELVEDERE BY KING EDWARD VIII. YESTERDAY.

THE READING OF THIS MOMENTOUS DECLARATION, WAS RECEIVED BY THE COMMONS IN A SILENCE ELOQUENT OF THE VERY DEEPEST RESPECT AND REGRET.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE DUKE OF YORK WOULD ASCEND THE THRONE IN SUCCESSION TO HIS ELDER BROTHER.

'DETERMINED TO RENOUNCE THRONE'

THE TEXT OF THE KING'S MESSAGE, READ IN A GRAVE VOICE BY THE SPEAKER, WAS AS FOLLOWS:—

"After long and anxious consideration I am determined to renounce the throne to which I succeeded on the death of my father, and I am now communicating this by final and irrevocable decision.

"Realising as I do the gravity of this step, I can only hope that I shall have the understanding of my peoples in the decision I have taken and the reasons which have led me to take it.

"I will not enter now into my private feelings, but I would beg that it should be remembered that the burden which will constantly rest upon the shoulders of a Sovereign is so heavy that it can only be borne in circumstances different from those in which I now find myself.

"I conceive that I am not overlooking the duty that rests on me to place in the forefront the public interests, when I declare that I am conscious that I can no longer discharge this task with efficiency or with satisfaction to myself.

"I have accordingly this morning executed an Instrument of Abdications in the terms following:—I, Edward VIII of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the seas and King Emperor of India, do hereby declare my irrevocable determination to renounce the Throne for myself and for my descendants, and my desire that effect should be given to this Instrument of Abdications immediately. In token whereof I have hereunto set my hand this Tenth Day of December, 1936 in the presence of the witnesses whose signatures are subscribed. — (signed) Edward E. L.

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MRS. ERNEST SIMPSON

"My execution of this Instrument has been witnessed by my three brothers, their Royal Highnesses the Duke of York, the Duke of Gloucester and the Duke of Kent."

"I deeply appreciate the spirit which has actuated the appeals which have been made to me to take a different decision, and I have, before reaching my final determination, most fully pondered them, but my mind is fully made up.

"Moreover, further delay cannot but be most injurious to the peoples whom I have tried to serve as Prince of Wales and as King, and whose future happiness and prosperity are the constant wish of my heart.

"I take my leave of them in the confident hope that the course which I have thought it right to follow is that which is the best for the stability of the Throne and the Empire and happiness of my peoples.

"I am deeply sensible of the consideration which they always extended to me both before and after my accession to the Throne, and which I know they will extend in full measure to my successor.

"I am most anxious that there should be no delay of any kind in giving effect to the Instrument which I have executed, and that all necessary steps should be taken immediately to secure that my lawful successor, my brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of York, should ascend the Throne."

KING WOULD NOT VISIT CANNES

Mrs. Simpson Intends To Stay At Villa

Cannes, Dec. 10.

Mr. Herman L. Rogers, an spokesman for Lord Brownlow, told Reuter that there was not the remotest possibility of the King coming to Villa Lou Viea either now or in the future, neither would the King come to the district.

He added that Mrs. Simpson's intention was to stay at the Villa. — Reuter.

ACUTE TENSION

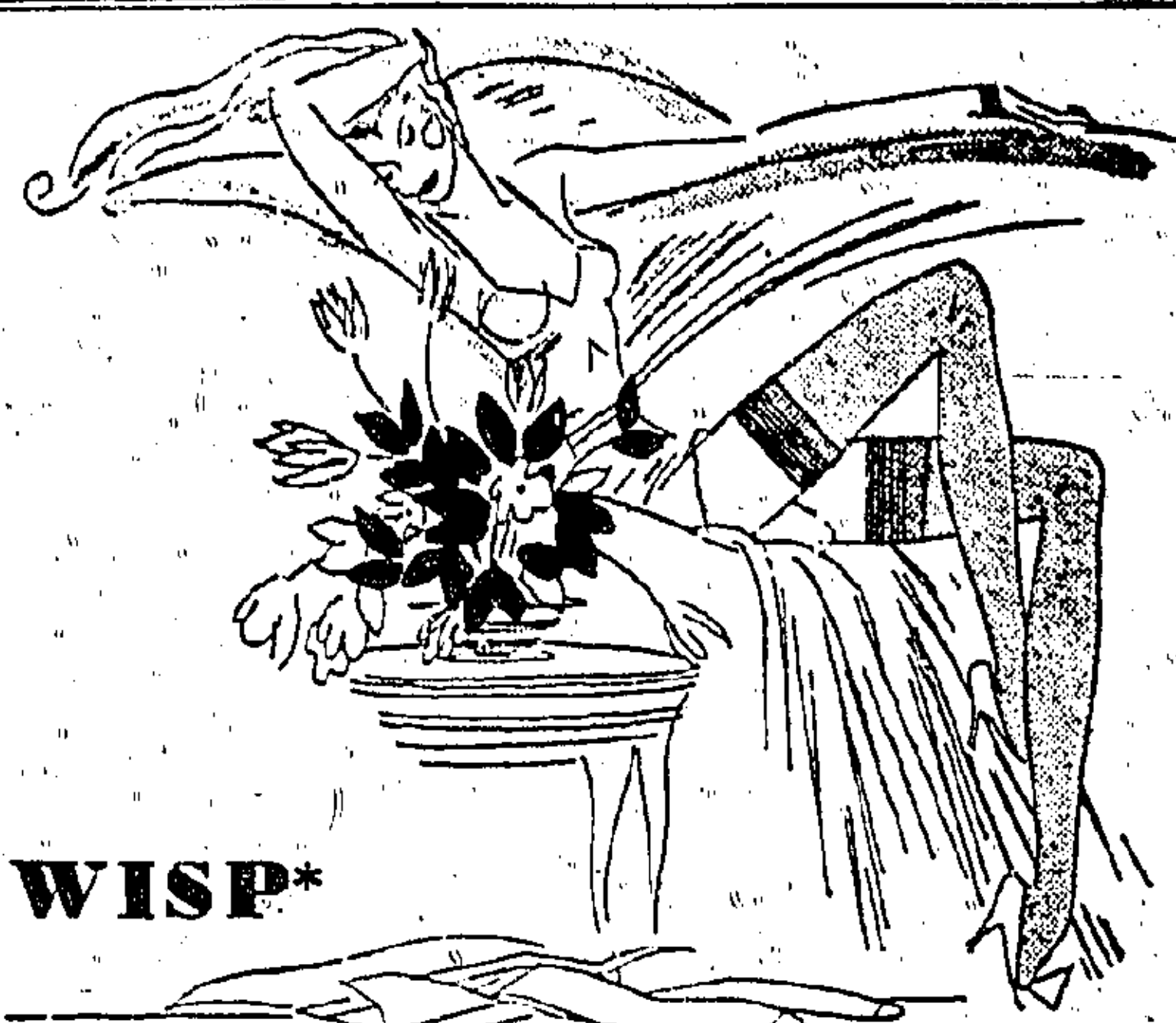
London, Dec. 10.

An atmosphere of acute tension will prevail to-day when the Speaker takes his seat in the House of Commons at 2.45 p.m. to preside at the most dramatic sitting of Parliament in recent times. Mr. Baldwin makes a pronouncement giving the King's decision about 3.30 p.m. after questions have been disposed of.

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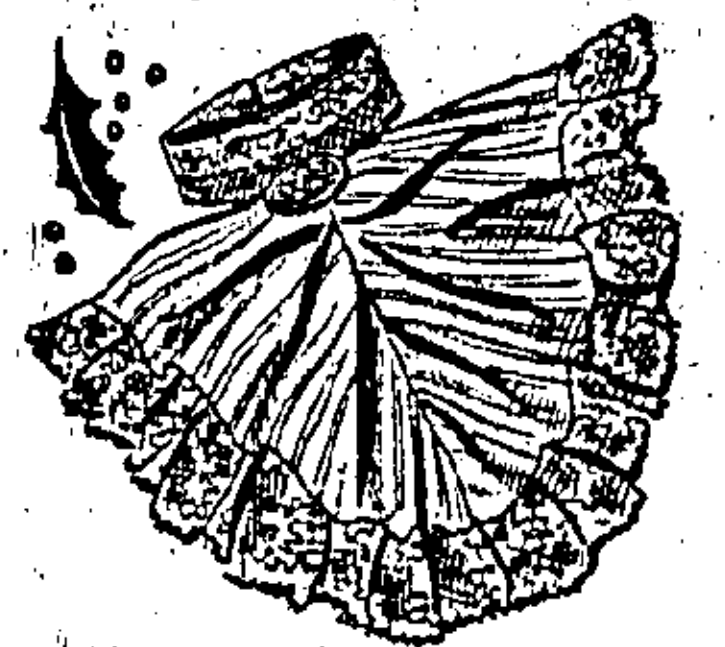
This glittering evening dress and fur-trimmed wrap in matching sequin-surfaced fabric is one of the joyous costumes worn by Ann Southern in "Smartest Girl in Town," the new dramatic comedy in which she is again teamed with Gene Raymond.

Jewelry Notes

And now the "Mary of Scotland" influence crops up in jewelry. The latest in rings, brooches and pendants are copies from jewels worn by the hapless Scottish queen portrayed by Katharine Hepburn. They are all handmade of gold or oxidized silver finish ornamented with emerald, ruby, sapphire or amethyst stones.

Anne Shirley, co-starred with Herbert Marshall in "Make Way for a Lady," suggests that a monogrammed pin, a charm bracelet, or a flower clip for the lapel are suitable gifts for the young girl leaving for school or college.

Doris Dudley, during the filming of "Portrait of a Rebel," eschewed hats altogether and ran around Hollywood with her head covered by a bright tri-colored scarf tied under her chin peasant-fashion.



PARIS FASHIONS

The Wearing Of Furs

In fine weather at Autell furs were worn over afternoon frocks and with hats of widely different fashions. The three-quarter length fur coat was commonly worn, with a toque of some sort. With a three-quarter black astrakhan went a toque of draped ivory white velvet trimmed with black aligrettes. With another coat of the same fur went a toque of petunia velvet. With a long milk cape-coat was worn a velvet toque in gold brown.

A few long velvet coats were slit at the sides and trimmed with fur, some black, some in colours to match the dress under them or to make a complete contrast, as when a black coat went over a petunia dress. Petunia, wine red, jade green, ivory white, bright lame and brocade, tulle and blouses are colours now being worn. In almost every ensemble there is a gleam of coloured velvet or satin or a glint of silver, gold, or bright brocade lame which she calls her "schoolgirl fashions." All are made of Vivella. They are necessarily simple in style. Each has long sleeves and rather wide shoulder lines. Plain leather belts go with them. Then there are pinafore frocks which go over gay little checked and figured blouses. Dressing gowns also are made in this material, broadly checked and trimmed with plain revers and sashes.

Barbara Stanwyck's Home Ivy-covered, With an Interior Tastefully Decorated

Simplicity and good taste distinguish the Beverly Hills home of Barbara Stanwyck, who plays the heroine in the notable screen drama, "The Plow and the Stars."



The English style ivy covered, red brick home is set in a cluster of beautiful trees and is fronted by a flower garden and lawn. The front door leads into a huge living room which is marked by its warmth and comfort. The color scheme is brown and green. The walls are paneled mahogany and the rich Persian rug harmonizes with drapes of a pistachio hue. A large fireplace is flanked by two commodious divans. At one end of the room are bookshelves holding the classics and the best in modern literature. Comfortable chairs and reading lamps are tastily set. At the other end of the room is a grand piano.

The dining room is decorated in colonial style and is marked by its absolute lack of ostentation. The kitchen is done in white tile and is electrically equipped.

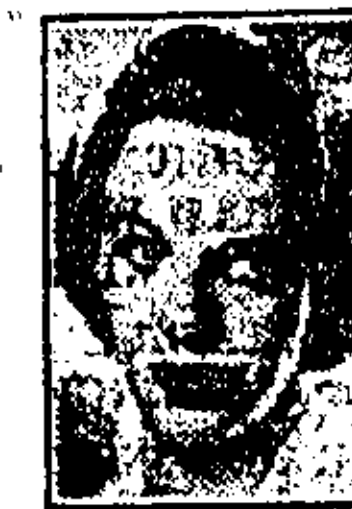
Miss Stanwyck's bedroom is typically feminine. It also carries out the brown and green scheme in lighter shades. Her dressing room is decorated in pink satin and the dressing table supports three large mirrors.

A lounge den contains a large combination radio and phonograph. Cozy sofas and pillow chairs add to the comfort. A guest room is handsomely appointed and follows the color scheme of the rest of the house.

Little four-year-old Dion's room is a typical child's room with wall paper portraying Mother Goose rhymes. A sun patio in the back yard provides a place for Miss Stanwyck's sun baths.

Actress Modifies Current Styles To Fit Her Own Distinctive Type

Frances Sage, young RKO Radio actress, does not follow slavishly the dictates of fickle fashion, preferring clothes which suit her own particular type. Possessed of the good taste which is able to temper an extreme style, Miss Sage has the knack of combining unusual color combinations and designs into chic ensembles.



One of her newest purchases is a French blue faille crepe dress made with a short flared skirt, graceful fitted waist and a modified cocoon-like collar. From throat to waist, the dress is fastened with huge antique silver buttons set in the middle, with crystal blue semi-precious stones. With it, Frances wears a black velvet cap-like hat which has no brim except a visor-like one in front. Above this are three

peppert stuffed birds—bright blue with accents of chartreuse and yellow. Her accessories are black suede.

She also purchased a tailored beige woolen suit, with which she wears leaf green antelope hat, shoes and gloves and carries a matching antelope bag.

For evening wear, one of the favorite gowns of the youthful player in "Without Orders" is of deep brown velvet, made in a severe princess silhouette, and cleverly cut so that her shoulders are bare. The dropped sleeves are short and voluminously puffed. With the gown her only jewels are a heavy antique gold necklace ending in a great topaz stone, and a matching ring.



Youthful and Quaint



Anne Shirley wears this quaint and attractive navy blue faille gown. The intricate cut of the sleeves results in extreme fullness. A corsage of multi-colored flowers at the throat matches the cluster in her hair. Miss Shirley is co-starred with Herbert Marshall in "Make Way for a Lady," in which she plays an adolescent matchmaker who tries to get her genial father married off.

What Hollywood's

New Stars Wear
Doris Dudley, New York stage actress who makes her screen debut in the tentatively titled "Portrait of a Rebel," Katharine Hepburn's new RKO Radio picture, is becoming known in Hollywood by her unusual and exquisite clothes. One of her favorite dinner dresses is of sapphire blue fine jersey, form-fitting, floor-length and with long sleeves.

Margo, lovely Mexican dancing star, currently in the film version of "Winter Set," places tomato red among her favorite shades. One of her newest frocks is a tomato red shirtmaker dress of very heavy silk, the bodice finely pleated and fastened down the front with pearl studs. Pearl studs also fasten the cuffs of the short sleeves.



Fashion's Trend For 1937

Richer Fabrics: Sequins,
Lace And Fur

BY THE HON. MRS. C. W. FORSTER

I notice already a desire to bring in certain fashion points from past Coronation modes. Hats recall flowers, feathers, and furs of an Edwardian elegance. There are charming collures and befrilled frocks, that speak of 1830, and amusing elaborations in wool and silk ornaments, and the gold and silver work of a similar date.

At several of the mid-season collections there are not only simple, clear modern lines, but also braided borders, fringed and raised, silky knots, sampler stitches, smocked effects, and many decorative belts and sashes.

The revival charm of lace has been indicated for some time. Examples of the older, heavy designs will mark the mode of 1937, and the present you give the greatest variety in fine, cowweby traceries in thread and silk, treated by the newer dire process, by which the finest flounces and insertions of Chantilly can appear transparent and yet stiffened successfully into any lines desired.

Sequins are having another "come-back," and they will probably be a still more pronounced fashion favourite in the New Year. One of the most successful recent models from the Paquin Paris collection is an embroidered black net sequined evening creation. It is somewhat Edwardian, as the waist is accentuated by a decoupe ceinture of velvet with glittering sequin applique. The corsage is shaped and worked in a similar manner. The ethereal qualities of net, the softness of velvet, and the beauty of the hand-worked sequins are cleverly blended into apparent simplicity of line. This is a forecast of the more formal, yet elegant, trend of the "grande toilette."

Lovely, patterned materials materials in rich silks and satins are interesting. White and pale blue figured gowns was responsible for a very new tunic cut on full, flared lines and worn over a black jersey skirt. One could not fail to be impressed by the alliance of black wool-jersey, worked in harmony with this rich and formal and gorgeous fabric of the 'nineties.

All-over-lace in pale shades may be mounted on dull gold and silver. A favourite demi-toilette is in finest black lace and thin wool. A bolero coat of black jersey often accompanies a thin chiffon or lace frock, with the to-the-ground length skirt showing a practical deep hem of the jersey. Utility fabrics mix with the exotic, and enable dresses to do duty for more than special occasions.

I have seen some Empire effects of narrow borders of ermine and sable tail edging yellow or white satin. A superb "tailleur" for evening wear was in crimson damask, with a folded vest of point lace. The little tailored coat was finished with a tiny collar and turnback cuff of white ermine.

The wearing of flowers, I hear, will be even more popular next year, but important jewelled pieces will take prominence on ceremonial occasions.

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Fashion PRE-VIEW

LONDON FASHIONS

Mid-Season Evening Styles

Modifications of early season's styles are the chief changes to be seen in the mid-season collections. Skirts are a little shorter, and for the evening are of dancing length. A number of evening gowns are high waisted. But the high waist is not true to the Empire tradition; for the dress, instead of hanging loosely from the higher waist line, is swathed and draped to the normal waist line.

Among new evening materials are lame's for dinner dresses and for "robes de style." A tailored short coat of reversible lame is allied with a dance frock that is slim fitting and floor length. This material is in such reverses as flame red and gold, royal and gold, gold and white, and silver on white. Gold prong fastenings have appeared on short coats and lame evening gowns. Another reversible material is crepe reversol, a heavy dull crepe which drapes well and has reverses in blue and mauve, grey and white, and salmon and white. In movement a gown in this crepe gives the effect of being lined.

A good many Bayadere striped lames are being used, and also striped crepes; a green and red Bayadere silk has a gold trellis design, and more subdued patterns are in Persian colourings. A new lame for a picture style frock with a wide skirt has a chene print and is in silver and gold. Moire, too, is used for mid-season gowns. A dance frock in black moire had a tunic movement up at the back and down in front, and with a splash of colour where it was tied with cerise corded silk. This had a heart-shaped bodice top.

Much fine lace, coloured and black, is worn in the evening. A new padded top is seen on some sleeves, and the high shoulder line is maintained in various ways. An evening dress, which had a long, loose soutane coat, was of black flameng lined white; a water-lily was on each shoulder of the coat and on the bodice.

The favourite evening coat is full length in velvet and is princess fitting and usually fastened down the centre front. Some of these princess coats have leg-of-mutton sleeves and others have gathered big sleeves that can come down below or be rolled up above the elbow. A coat of this kind was in sapphire-blue velvet with an ermine cape, high shouldered and split at the back to keep the long line that would be broken by a circular cape. Long brocade coats and tapestry coats are also being worn, but the velvet coat moulded to the figure is the favourite.



AROUND THE
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You should see the gorgeous evening wraps on show this week in the Ladies' department. They are of the latest styles in design and materials are in black, white and brightly coloured velvets, and gold and silver lame.

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Tamara Krullak will be leaving the Colony shortly, and she is offering the remainder of her stock of fur coats at very reasonable prices.

**SHOES AND
HANDBAG**

Velvet is so lovely in itself that to be smart and chic a certain amount of care is needed in the way of accessories. Shoes, for example, must on no account be also of velvet. They would be too reminiscent of the bedroom slipper! Often a satin to match is chosen.

When the velvet is really a dark colour, as the Marchioness of Londonderry's midnight blue or Lady Chamberlain's bottle green, a happier choice is to wear shoes of gold or silver. Both varieties of shoe look charming and dainty peeping out from the softly falling material.

The question of bag or pochette comes under the same ruling. An embroidered one in which multi-colours appear is permissible, but far better is a gold or silver one, be it either of the fashionable kid or of sequins or beads.

Hair ornamentation with a vivid velvet frock is a delicate matter. It has to be chosen carefully. Lady Warrender with her sealing-wax red dress had a flower of the same material perched on one side of her head. It suits her, but might easily look heavy on some women.

Again, the utmost discretion must be used in the selection of jewellery. As a general rule it can be taken that the fabric is so rich and decorative that the gown itself calls for no adornment. If the corsage is low a necklace can be effective either in diamonds or in stones of the same hue as the gown, such as emeralds or rubies, which are repeated in the data for formal wear.

In short, velvets are so beautifully woven and dyed in such wonderful hues that they are best when treated with simplicity.



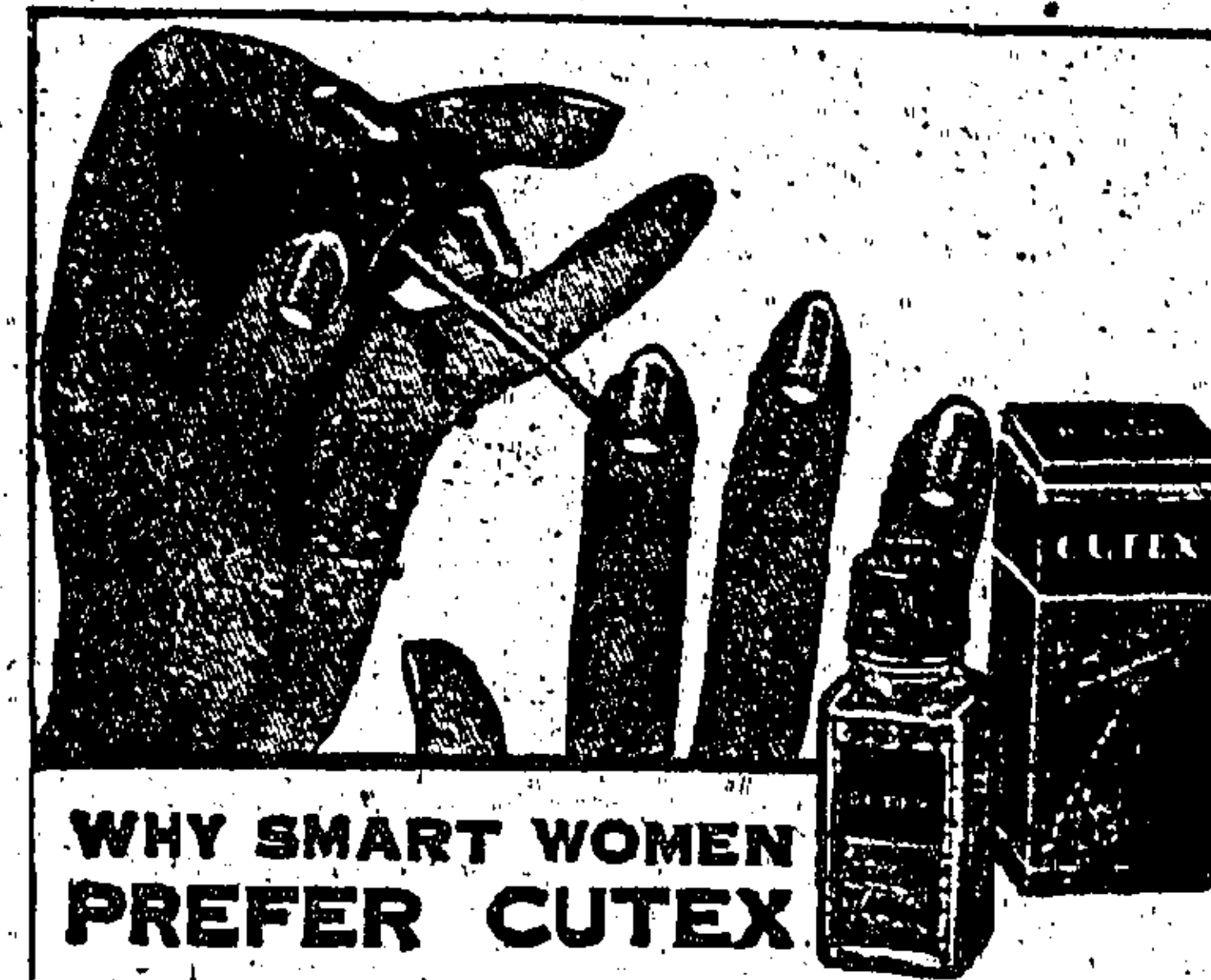
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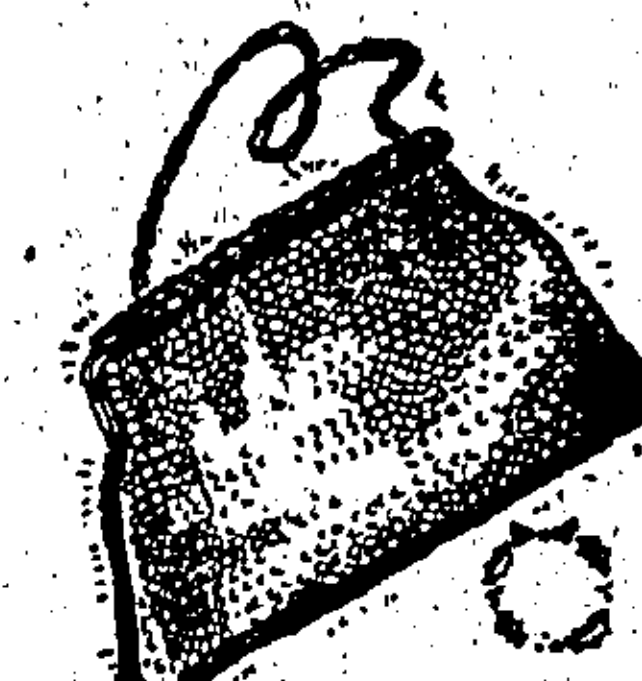
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12.30 to 2.15 p.m.—European pro-
gramme.
12.30 p.m.—Marek Weber and his
Orchestra.

1 p.m.—Local: Time signal and
weather report.
1.03 p.m.—A Recital by Grace
Moore (Soprano), Lawrence
Tibbett (Baritone) and Yehudi
Menuhin (Violin).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby
Press, Local: Time, weather
forecast and announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Dance music.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.

4 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.
7 to 11 p.m.—European programme.
7 p.m.—

The Orchestra Raymonde
Delibes in Vienna (arr. Walter).
Indian Mail—Descriptive
(Lamothé).
Glow Worm—Intermezzo
(Lincke).

Berceuse (Jarnfelt).
Stephanie Gavotte (Calbulka).
A night on the waves (Koskima).
Electric Girl (Helmburgh).
The Dancing Clock (Fring).

7.30 p.m.—Closing local stock quo-
tations and Hong Kong exchange
market report.
7.35 p.m.—"Mandala" (Kipling,
arr. Wilby), Sung by Ray-
mond Newell (Baritone).

7.40 p.m.—
From the Studio
Billy Mayerl Transcriptions by
Yasmin Sema.
8 p.m.—Local: Time signal, wea-
ther report and announce-
ments.

8.03 p.m.—Concerto in D Major, Op.
77 (Brahms) played by Fritz
Kreiser and the London Phil-
harmonic Orchestra. Conducted
by John Barbirolli.

8.40 p.m.—Overture—"Don Gio-
vanni" (Mozart), played by the
State Orchestra, Berlin. Con-
ducted by Dr. Leo Blech.

8.45 p.m.—
From the Studio
A Recital by Madame Francesca
Denies (Soprano).
PROGRAMME
"La Tosca"—Visi d'Arte (Verdi).
Ideale (Tosti).
Winds in the trees (Goring
Thomas).
Solveig's Song (Grieg).

9 p.m.—London: News and an-
nouncements.
9.20 p.m.—
From the Studio
A Recital for two pianos by
Marina Barretto and Harry
Ore.

PROGRAMME
1. Duet in Mozart's Style
(Busoni).
2. Solo: Marina Barretto—Con-
cert Study in D Flat Major
(Liszt).
3. Valse in C Major (Arensky).

9.40 p.m.—"Moonlight on the Als-
ter" (Fetras), played by Marek
Weber and His Orchestra.
9.45 p.m.—
From the Studio
The 2nd of a series of talks on
"The Early Days of Cricket" by
R. Abbit.

10 p.m.—London: Big Ben.
Dance Music
11 p.m.—Close down.

BERLIN PROGRAMME

1.05 p.m.—Call DJA, DJB (German,
English).
German Folk Song.
1.10 p.m.—Concert of Light Music.
2 p.m.—News in German.
2.15 p.m.—Concert of Light Music
(continued).

2.55 p.m.—Greetings to our listeners
in New Zealand.
3 p.m.—News and Economic Review
in English.
3.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.
Sound Pictures.

3.30 p.m.—Colourful Hour.
Arrangement: Alfred Erich Sisti.
4.30 p.m.—Military Concert.
5.30 p.m.—News and Economic Re-
view in German.
5.45 p.m.—A View of an Automobile
Tire-Factory.

6.15 p.m.—Sign off DJA and DJB
(German, Engl.).
6.25 p.m.—Call DJA, DJB, DJE
(German, English).
German Folk Song.

7 p.m.—Concert of Light Music
8 p.m.—News in English.
8.15 p.m.—Concert of Light Music
(continued).

8.55 p.m.—Greetings to our Listen-
ers in the Netherlands East
Indies.
9 p.m.—News and Economic Review
in German and Call DJC.

9.15 p.m.—The work of the "In-
stitute for medical mission and
cures for tropical diseases" in
Tubingen.

9.30 p.m.—Vivaldi: Sonata B-flat
major for cello and piano.
Sigrid Suco, Max Nahrat.
9.45 p.m.—For the Sport Wave
amateur.

10 p.m.—News and Economic Re-
view in English by DJE, DJC
in Dutch and DJA, DJB.

10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.
Sound Pictures.
10.30 p.m.—Military Concert.
11.30 p.m.—Cantata, Christ's Birth.
Arranged by the Lotte Thelle.
Musical Incidentals Gustav
Adolf Schlemm.

12 midnight—Sign off DJA, DJB,
DJC, DJE (German, Engl.).

RADIO MANILA

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5.30 a.m.—Breakfast Hour of News
and Music—English and Span-
ish Current Events and Vau-
deville of the Air, conducted by
Don Alva. Morning Exercises
by Prof. G. T. Suva of the In-
sular Life Assurance Company.

7 a.m.—Sign Off.
9.30 a.m.—Nelson Financial Review
and Musical Varieties.
11.15 a.m.—Sign Off.
2.30 p.m.—Nelson Financial Review
and Musical Varieties.
3.45 p.m.—Sign Off.

6 p.m.—Receives.
6.15 p.m.—Spanish Informational
Period.
6.35 p.m.—English Informational
Period.

6.55 p.m.—Stock quotations, through-
out the courtesy of Swan, Culbert-
son and Fritz.
7 p.m.—Dinner Music.

7.25 p.m.—Question Box Reporter.
7.30 p.m.—Jerry and His Roman-
cers.
7.45 p.m.—Elizalde y Cia. Pro-
gramme.

8 p.m.—Programme Previews.
8.05 p.m.—Hispania.
8.45 p.m.—Stock quotations and
local market reports.

9 p.m.—Stock quotations in Span-
ish, through the courtesy of L.
R. Nielson & Co.
9.05 p.m.—Hispania—Zanzuelas.
10 p.m.—Sign Off.

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8 a.m.—Big Ben, Talk.

8.16 a.m.—The BBC Empire Orches-
tra.

9 a.m.—"Sealed Orders."

9.20 a.m.—Variety.

9.40 a.m.—The News and Announce-
ments.

10 a.m.—Close down.

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self up to find out whether the
message he leaves for himself is
properly delivered. Back in
the hotel he sends his suit to the
cleaner's with 75 cents in a pocket
to see if the valet is honest. He
looks under the bed for dust, leans
at the chambermaid, order impos-
sible dishes at the restaurant,
shouts at the waiter, and makes a
general effort to test the patience
of everybody. After looking into
everything that seems to need
probing, the operative loiters
awhile in the corridor looking sus-
picious to see if the hotel detec-
tive is alert. His report is for-
warded to the hotel, and later on
another operative goes back to
see if the service has improved.

NOTED HASTINGS CHURCH

The 500th anniversary of the
rebuilding of All Saints Church,
Hastings, on a site which formed
part of the dowry of Canute's
Queen, Emma, daughter of the
Duke of Normandy, is marked by
an exhibition illustrative of the
church and parish, and by special
services in which the Bishop of
Chichester and Lewes preached.
In the 17th century Samuel
Oates, father of Thomas Oates, was
rector of the church.

AIRCRAFT OF THE FUTURE

Advantages Of The
Land Plane

FEW FLYING BOATS AT PARIS SHOW

FROM MAJOR C. C. TURNER
"Daily Telegraph" Air
Correspondent

When M. Lebrun, President of
the French Republic, opened the
Aero Show at the Grand Palais
recently he saw an assembly of
aeroplanes which, in the main,
revealed notable progress since
the exhibition of 1934. The ma-
jority of the machines here have
one or all of the following fea-
tures.

Retractable wheels.
Rear wing edge flaps.
Variable pitch propellers, and
in the case of war aircraft,
glass-roofed cockpits.

An indoor aero show cannot
contain the bigger types—the
great air liners, troop transport
machines and big flying boats.
These can only be shown by
models.

One of the most important
facts about this show is the very
small representation of flying
boats and float planes, big or
small. It is as if the French had
decided that there was little profit
in them.

There are two or three models,
however, one of them a Loire et
Olivier four-engined liner for 26
passengers, for which a maximum
speed of 210 miles an hour is
claimed. This obviously is the
French reply to the new British
Empire flying boats.

Another type is intended for the
South Atlantic service. Its four
engines are arranged as two
tandems. A speed of 220 miles an
hour and a range of 2,500 miles are
claimed for it.

A NEW CONTROVERSY
The small representative of sea
aeroplanes may be evidence of the
beginning of a controversy in
which one side will claim that
even for ocean services and naval
co-operation the flying boat will
have to give way to the land
plane.

The land plane can carry more
useful load plus fuel for long-
range work than the flying boat,
and it is claimed that the reli-
ability afforded by four or more en-
gines is sufficient provision
against the emergency of forced
descent on water. This point is
emphasised by the fact that no
flying boat yet built is capable of
surviving the buffeting it would
receive on really rough water.

Against these advantages the
land planes must have prepared
landing grounds at great cost; on
many routes they must operate
from high ground, and they must
generally fly at higher altitudes
than flying boats.

The preponderance of low-wing
monoplanes in the show is evi-
dence of the all-round advantages
of this class, especially in fight-
ers. Great Britain, which is
numerically but poorly represent-
ed, has not sent a fighter, for the
one which was to have come to
Paris was prevented at the last
minute by an Air Ministry order.

300 MILES AN HOUR
There is no doubt that many of
the fighters here are in the 300-
miles-an-hour class, and the Rus-
sian exhibits include one which
bears a marked resemblance to
the British "spitfire" now on or-
der for the R.A.F. Several of the
fighters are twin-engined ma-
chines, armed with shell-fir-
ing guns, but there is no in-
dication that any of these are yet
actually in full production.

Poland contributes a heavily
armed fighter, for which a speed
of 270 m.p.h. is claimed. A twin-
engined Fokker, with a total of
1,500 horse-power and armed with
guns, has a speed, it is claimed, of
290 m.p.h.

The Russian exhibits are of
very great interest and impor-
tance, because they include the
"ANT 35" for which a cruising
speed of 220 m.p.h. is claimed.
The important fact about this
machine is the evidence of a great
improvement in Russian work-
manship since the last aero show.
Its engine is of the Gnome
Rhône type, made in Russia under
licence, but elsewhere there is a
machine with a Russian-designed
engine.

The principal full-sized air liner
is the Farman 224. Its engines
are arranged as two tandems.
On the historical, educational,
research and construction side of
the show is exceptionally fine.
There is a great quantity of
models, maps, charts, diagrams,
and photographs.

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Here's How For Insomniacs

To the millions of sleepless people I give my 25 years of experiment with sleeping and waking hours, culminating in a complete victory over slumber. Formerly, no matter what time I went to bed, it was a certainty that I would wake up within three or four hours. One night, happening to look at myself, I was shocked by my personal appearance and decided to shave. This woke me completely and put me in a normal state of mind, whereupon I went back to bed and immediately fell asleep. For the next three nights I hung pictures, put the bookcase, and read for three hours each night.

GREAT DISCOVERY
Thus I came upon the great discovery. In six months I so readjusted my sleeping that six perfect hours of slumber out of 24 was quite sufficient. My repose is so complete that for 20 years I

have not experienced anything approaching a sustained dream. I have three hours of perfect repose after I go to bed. Then I get up and work. And mark the benediction of three golden hours in the middle of the night. The crash of traffic has ceased. The household is quiescent. No callers, no telephones, no arguments. In these three hours I pursue my labours, achieving at times results that would be quite impossible at any other time.

ARMS OF MORPHEUS
With the sandman's approach I stop work and return to bed. I am in a receptive state of mind to approach the second phase of slumber, and within five minutes, regardless of what I have been reading or writing, I am in my last sleep, which lasts for three more hours. It is an established fact that the first sleep into which the sleeper falls is the most profound. For this reason there is more rehabilitation in two short sleeps than in one long one. By breaking my sleep into two parts, each being complete and 100 percent efficient, I get twice as much benefit as the sleeper who sleeps seven, eight or nine hours without interruption.

—Robert H. Davis, "Over My Left Shoulder"

TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

Hong Kong

KING'S:—
"We Went To College"
QUEEN'S:—
"Swing Time"
ORIENTAL:—
"Ceiling Zero"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:—
"Swing Time"
MAJESTIC:—
"Next Time We Love"
STAR:—
"Swing Time"

Coming

KING'S:—
"Romeo and Juliet"
QUEEN'S:—
"Flash Gordon"
ORIENTAL:—
"Tarzan"
ALHAMBRA:—
"Back to Nature"
MAJESTIC:—
"La Vie Parisienne"
STAR:—
"Snowed Under"

"WE WENT TO COLLEGE"

"We Went to College," the current screen attraction at the King's Theatre, must have been expressly designed to make people forget their troubles for here is a picture which keeps its audience laughing from its opening to its final fadeout.

Charles Butterworth, Walter Abel, Hugh Herbert, Una Merkel and Edith Atwater are the principals in an outstanding all-comedy cast. Individually these players have provided the comedy high-light of many a film production; collectively, they supply a barrage of laughter and good humour impossible to resist.

Lampooning the gay old grad who returns to his college reunion and attempts to recapture the irresponsibility and madcap antics of his undergraduate days, the story presents the predicament of a staid business man attending the reunion with his wife and who finds himself embarrassed by the advances of a former campus "crush" who is now a professor's wife.

Charles Butterworth, as a college pal who finally helps the business man out of his predicament, has never been in a funnier role, playing his "life of the party" characterization for all it is worth. Abel gives an excellent portrayal as the business man, and Una Merkel is ideally cast as the wife of the professor who tries in vain to live up to her tattered campus life with a harmless flirtation. The amusing Hugh Herbert as the professor, adds immeasurably to the fun, and Edith Atwater, a newcomer from the stage, is splendid as Abel's wife.

Joseph Santley's direction takes every advantage of the hilarious situations. Here is a picture which provides a sure-fire treat for every member of the family. And you don't have to be a college grad to enjoy "We Went to College."

"PARIS IN SPRING"

One of Offenbach's most popular and vivacious operettas, "La Vie Parisienne," has been brought to the screen and will be shown at the Majestic Theatre To-day under the title of "Parisienne Life."

As the title indicates, the action takes place in Paris. A gay story of romance is interwoven with enchanting and lively comedy. Paris in the springtime is indeed a delightful place for young lovers.

The picture serves to introduce Max Dearly, the famous French comedian, to British audiences. Dearly has been a star in his native France for nearly 50 years, and during this time has appeared in many stage productions of the operetta. The starring honours are shared by two well-known Hollywood players, Conchita Montenegro and Neil Hamilton. Included in the supporting cast are Eva Moore, Carol Goodner, Austin Trevor and Tyll Davis.

It is said that the latest burglar alarm jags a bell photographs the intruder, and then switches on the lights. That is all very well, but does it make the thief a cup of tea?

"GINGER" ROGERS

How She Became Nick Named

Youthful nicknames seldom are appropriate after a child grows up. But Ginger Rogers' appellation fits her as well to-day as it did when it was first given her by her school-mates in Fort Worth, Texas.

Her real name is Virginia, but probably she wouldn't recognize it to-day, for nobody has ever used it since she was a freshman in high school. Ginger she became then, because of her restless energy, and Ginger she has remained, not only to her Texas friends but also to millions of picture-goers throughout the world.

The rise of this slim youngster with the gold-red hair to a place among the first personalities of the screen, is very largely due to the unusual quantity of spice in her make-up. It kept her doggedly at her dancing, and put an originality and freshness into that dancing, until she had won the Texas Charleston championship when she was only 15.

Recently she finished her thirtieth picture, and her sixth opposite Fred Astaire. "Swing Time." She spent weeks rehearsing the intricate dance steps before the filming began, more weeks rehearsing and dancing under the blazing studio lights while the cameras hummed softly, all in a continuous round of work that would have exhausted a husky ditch-digger. And the first free day she had after all this, she played six hard sets of tennis in the morning, and nearly three hours of badminton in the afternoon!

The dictionary defines "ginger" as a verb meaning "to make lively, mettlesome or animated; to inspire." And it would seem that Ginger Rogers is well named.

FRED ASTAIRE CREATES WALTZ TO "SWING" MUSIC

Fred Astaire has created a new dance for Mr. and Mrs. America. "The Waltz in Swing Time" and it is destined, in its modified form, for ballroom popularity. Its principal differences from the old waltz are a bit more speed in execution, and a more lively character generally.

It is the first definite dance created for the "swing," or flowing rhythm, music which has taken the country by storm. It is also a rejuvenation operation for the waltz, most enduring but most neglected of modern dances.

The swing waltz is introduced by Astaire and Ginger Rogers as one of their more spectacular team routines for the current RKO Radio musical "Swing Time." Those who have seen it performed on the rehearsal stages expect it to revive the waltz to a popularity greater than the old favourite enjoyed even in the golden era of grandmas' and grandpa's youth.

Naturally Astaire and Miss Rogers present an intricate professional routine of the dance. Basically, however, the waltz in swing time is adaptable to the talents of rank and file dancers. The screen co-stars introduce the new dance to the Jerome Kern melody, "The Waltz in Swing Time."

Since swing tunes became the music fad of the day, dancers have stumbled and hopped about ballroom floors, attempting to improvise steps to fit the fascinating rhythm. Astaire, apparently, has taken their problem to heart.

In each of his past pictures, Astaire has created dances which have been taken up by academics, private instructors and thousands of the more skilled amateur enthusiasts in ballroom adaptation. Many such adaptations proved beyond the mastery of the average dancer.

AMONG HIS PREDECESSORS

Major Tryon, the Postmaster-General, met most of his surviving predecessors in that office at the Guildhall luncheon to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Post Office Savings Bank.

Former Postmasters-General who were there included Sir Herbert Samuel, Lord Cairns, Lord Milford, and Mr. E. S. Smith. The Assistant Postmasters-General present included the Earl of Granville and Sir Ernest Bennett. In the presence of Lord Cairns, who is 78, it was surprising to hear Sir Herbert Samuel claim to be the senior ex-Postmaster-General present. But Sir Herbert held the office first in 1910, when he was 40, and Lord Cairns was 50, when he was appointed Postmaster-General in 1918.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Anniversaries and Holidays.—St. Andrews, —Leasehold Property, at Lammer's Sales Room, 3.00 p.m.; Postage Stamps, at Lammer's, 5.15 p.m.

Cinemas.

King's:—"We Went To College."
Queen's:—"Swing Time."
Oriental:—"Ceiling Zero."
World:—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra:—"Swing Time."
Majestic:—"La Vie Parisienne."
Star:—"Swing Time."
Entertainments.—Piano Recital by Mr. Harold Scott, at St. Andrew's Hall, 9.00 p.m.
Lectures.—Helena May Christian Fellowship Meeting, 10.30 a.m. Speaker, Rev. Geoffrey Allen.
Mails.—Christmas Ordinary Air Mail for Great Britain by Imperial Airways Service, per R. M. A. Dorado, 8.30 a.m.
Miscellaneous.—Bollins Public School Prize-Giving, at King's College Hall, 3 p.m.
Social.—Cheero Club Duplicate Contract Bridge, 8.00 p.m.; Whist Drive, and Tombola in Royal Artillery Sergeants' Mess, Queen's Road, 8.30 p.m.

Sports.

Billiards.—McEwan-Younger League: Royal Artillery (L) v. Garrison Sergeants, R.K.S. Bde. v. R.A.M.C.; Royal Ulster Rifles v. Royal Welch Fusiliers; R.N.Y.P. v. R.A.H.Q.
Badminton.—Mixed Doubles: Kowloon Tong v. Club de Recreo "A"; St. John's v. Free Lancers.
Hockey.—1/8th Punjab Regiment v. Kanton Rifles (Marina ground), 3.00 p.m.
Moon.—X Moon, 28th Day.
Sunrise.—5.53 a.m. Sunset.—5.40 p.m.
Tides.—High at 8.40 and 10.30; Low at 2.10 and 12.50.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Anniversaries and Holidays.—St. Constantine.
Auctions.—Suit Length and Overcoatings, etc., Lammer's Hong Kong Sales Room, 11 a.m.

Cinemas.

King's:—"Romeo and Juliet."
Queen's:—"Swing Time."
Oriental:—"Ceiling Zero."
World:—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra:—"Swing Time."
Majestic:—"La Vie Parisienne."
Star:—"Swing Time."

Miscellaneous.—Claims against the Estate of Joseph Welch due; Sale of Work in aid of M.C.L. and Local Charities at St. Stephen's Girls' College and Fairies School, 11 a.m.; Tai Koo Club Lawn Bowls "Closing Day" and Presentation of Prizes, 2.30 p.m.

Religious.—St. Andrew's Church All Day Retreat, conducted by the Rev. F. Short; Toc H World Chain of Light Service at St. John's Cathedral, 9.00 p.m.; Nativity Play, "The Inn at Bethlehem," Kowloon Union Church, 8.30 p.m.

Sports.

Social.—Craigewor Cricket Club Whist Drive and Tombola, 9.30 p.m.
Bowls.—Closing Day at Tai Koo Club, 2.30 p.m.
Cricket.—First Division: Indian R.C. v. Civil Service C.C. (P); Royal Navy v. Army (P); Kowloon C.C. v. Craigewor C.C. (P); Second Division: Civil Service C.C. v. Indian R.C. (P); Craigewor C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. (P).
Hockey.—Cair Clark Cup: "Y" Ladies v. Hong Kong Ladies (V.M.C.A. ground), 2.45 p.m.; Recreo v. C.B.A. (P.T.S.), 2.45 p.m.; Brown Cup: Hong Kong Ladies v. D.G.S. (Happy Valley), 3.00 p.m.; Central British Association v. "Y" Ladies (C.B.A. ground), 3.00 p.m.
Tennis.—Open Ladies' Singles Final (U.S.R.C.), 3.00 p.m.
Moon.—X Moon, 29th Day.
Sunrise.—5.52 a.m. Sunset.—5.40 p.m.
Tides.—High at 7.40 and 10.05; Low at 1.32 and 12.10.

KITCHENER'S WRAITH

WAR SECRET REVEALED

Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton revealed at a dinner of the Royal Naval Division in London recently how he acted as Earl Kitchener's "wraith" during the early days of the war.

"In this capacity, he undertook the organization of London's defences in Lord Kitchener's name, and later took command of the North of England and Scotland." "On Aug. 7, 1914, Kitchener sent for me," said Sir Ian, "and said: 'I am going to go with you exactly where I did in the South African war when you first joined me as my chief staff officer. You remember I went away once on a three weeks tour of Natal and the Cape Colony while you carried on in my place, and the less I heard of you the better I was pleased.'"

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The secret of this commission, added Sir Ian, had been "so carefully guarded until now that none of the military or naval biographers or autobiographers has ever so much as suspected it."

An girls. Another way to keep that schoolgirl complexion is to leave it alone.

SET UP

On the eve of the Dempsey-Tunney fight, my friend Mike Treni, an old-timer, who was in Dempsey's stable, over to scout the Tunney training camp and bring back information of value to Dempsey, on Tunney's style and hitting power. Mike came back with face all beaming. "It's a setup," says he. "I seen him punch a book."



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MONEY LENDERS IN COURT

When Greek Meet Greek, Says Counsel

In a claim of \$13,124.40, Sawa, a money lender brought a summons against G. H. Kikaboy, of the Salfree Store.

Appearing before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., was the counsel for plaintiff, instructed by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios, while defendant was not legally represented.

Counsel said the claim was based on six promissory notes given by defendant for various sums of money advanced to him by plaintiff. Defendant did not deny the transactions but pleaded they were harsh and unconscionable, as the interest paid by him was too high. The onus was therefore on him to prove this allegation.

His Lordship agreed, and defendant was called to discharge his onus. From several books, defendant detailed his transactions with plaintiff and the interest paid on them. On several occasions he contradicted himself and at one stage prompted his Lordship to make the following comment: "I cannot believe a word you say."

Defendant admitted that the notes which formed the subject matter of the action were renewals of those for sums of money actually advanced to him by plaintiff.

His Lordship: "What is your complaint?"

Defendant: My complaint is that I have paid too much interest.

Did you pay him interest at a greater rate than three per cent. a month?—No, but I have given presents to plaintiff.

Do you want those back?—No.

Were they induced or extorted from you or did you give them voluntarily?—When I declined to renew the notes, plaintiff refused to return those which I had from other debtors and which I deposited with him. Whenever he made a loan to me, I gave him \$20 or \$30.

Did he insist on that?—No, but he used to come to my store and eat up everything. (Laughter)

His Lordship informed Mr. D'Almada that he could not see anything, whatsoever in the conduct of plaintiff to which exception could be taken.

Mr. D'Almada remarked that it was a case "where Greek meets Greek" as defendant had been a moneylender himself, and as such he must have had his eyes open when he entered into the transactions and agreed to pay the interest.

Giving judgment for plaintiff, with costs, his Lordship remarked that plaintiff had been amazingly tolerant with defendant throughout. Defendant had failed to adduce a scintilla of evidence, to support his view that the interest he had paid was too high; on the contrary, he had been very well treated by plaintiff.

MAN ENTERS OPEN DOOR

Temptation Leads To Larceny

Wong Hong, 24, unemployed, was brought before Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Central Magistracy yesterday for larceny of a vase and a pair of spectacles from Mrs. Sainsbury of 18, Morrison Road, fourth floor.

Sergeant Elstall said that Mrs. Sainsbury saw the defendant coming down the stairs flat at noon on Wednesday, carrying a parcel. She asked the accused to open the parcel, and found that the contents were her's.

His Worship: "What do you go there for? You don't live there!" There was no reply.

"It was alleged that you waited till the amah of the house left before you went in. Accused: "No, the door was opened, so I went in."

His Worship: It was only a moment after the amah left that you entered the premises.—Yes!

Is that correct? Accused: No answer.

His Worship: If you have any explanation, I will be glad to help you, otherwise, I just have to punish you. You have also previous convictions for larceny.

You are quite young, so I sentence you to four weeks' hard labour.

HEROIN PILLS FACTORY

Case Remanded

Po King Cho, 39, of 51 Des Voeux Road, and four women, Lung Ho Ling, 29, Yip Siu-fu, 30, Chan Shi, 40 and Yip Mai, 27, were brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy on remand yesterday charged with the possession of 46,000 heroin pills. First defendant was also charged with possession of 87½ ounces of pink mass.

After the first defendant denied everything, the case was remanded to Thursday, December 17.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor prosecuted.

Defendant in the witness box stated that a man named Lau rented 51 Des Voeux Road, after he had seen Chun Mun Bing. On November 4, third and fourth defendants went up the premises to see Lau.

"On seeing them in the premises I immediately resigned and I thought at that time Yip Chung took my place. I knew those women had something to do with heroin pills and I warned them once before. I even told them that I was going to report them if they still carried pills around. Sometime on November 11 or 12 some of the defendants brought constables to my premises to arrest me. I was at the Seamen's club at that time when the women arrived and pointed at me to the constables.

I was so afraid that I could not say anything. Incidentally, the officers asked me whether I rented the place or not. I said I did not rent the place, but was a representative. The receipt I got from 51 Des Voeux Road which was from the electric company, must have been a mistake for I am not a tenant of the flat.

Mr. Abbott: How did the receipt get into your box?

Defendant: I have two keys to my box and I gave one to Lau. I suspect him, for he is the only one that got one of my keys. Most probably the receipt belongs to Lau!

Mr. Abbott: How could it belong to Lau when your name is written on it?—I don't know, they must have made a mistake!

Defendant: I do not know the second and fourth defendants but I know the third and fifth, for they were the ones who prompted the others to say I was the master of the heroin factory.

The case was adjourned to Thursday.

SAND STOLEN FROM SIDEWALK

Li Chi, 19, painter, of 41, Wong-nelchong Road, was brought before Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Central Magistracy on remand yesterday charged with damaging the public foot-path at Wong-nelchong Road on December 8 by scooping away the sand surface with a trowel.

His Worship: What have you got to say? You are charged for damaging the foot-path—I only scooped the loose surface.

The Public Works Department took the trouble to place the sand there and you go and scoop it. Well, I had instructions to get some sand to mend a broken wall.

The employer of the defendant said that he did give the plaintiff instructions to get some sand, but did not know where he went to get them.

Sergeant Moran said that the defendant knew he was doing some thing wrong and that he was looking around to see whether there were any constables about.

His Worship: I fine you \$2 compensation to the Treasurer and bind you over in \$25 for good behaviour for a year. Your master will be bound over too!

THEFT OF TWO GOLD RINGS

Li Yuk-to, 23, a married woman was brought before Mr. E. Hims, worth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning for stealing two gold rings, the property of Yeung Sze, 33 Po Kong Road, Kowloon City.

Defendant, who was living in a cubicle next to the complainant, left her lodging on December 6, and two days later complainant discovered that her two gold rings valued at \$17 were missing.

She reported to the police and defendant was arrested. Defendant was bound over for a sum of \$10 for one year, and the sum of \$3.40 which was found in her pocket was to be given back to the complainant, and order to pay amend of \$4 or two weeks.

STABBER SENTENCED

Jealousy Motive Bared

Chau Tak-chot, 32, unemployed was brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy yesterday on remand, charged with cutting and wounding a hotel fold named Ho Ting with a penknife on September 17. Accused was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

Det. Inspector J. O'Donovan said that in the early part of September defendant, with his concubine, went to live in the Asia Hotel where the complainant was the third floor boy. On the morning of September 17, defendant's concubine came out of her room on the third floor and went to a cigarette stall on the same landing.

Plaintiff was looking after the stall, and the concubine took a newspaper from the stall and began reading. She was dressed in pyjamas, and observing defendant looking at her from their room, she left the stall to join him.

The plaintiff suddenly heard the girl shout when he was still standing in the passage-way. He immediately entered the room and learned that the defendant had struck the concubine. Plaintiff immediately tackled the man. Defendant took out a penknife and stabbed the plaintiff twice in the stomach.

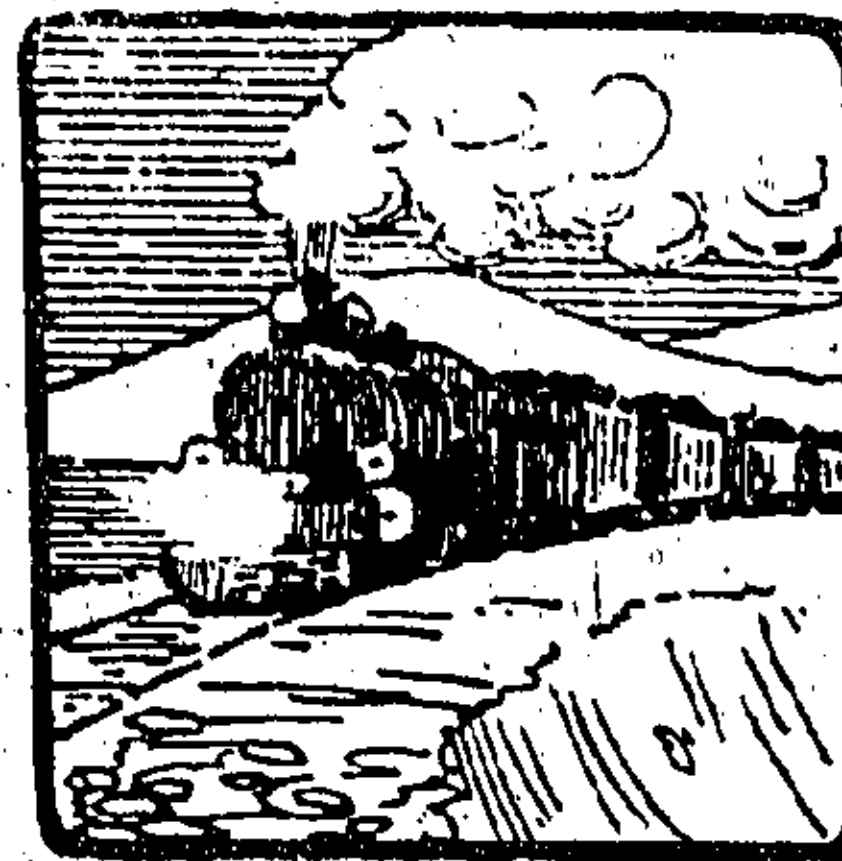
Concluding, Inspector O'Donovan asked his Worship to take a serious view of the case as it was becoming common among Chinese to use knives to revenge themselves.

In reply to Mr. Keen's questions, Inspector O'Donovan said that defendant's concubine had strongly denied having had anything to do with complainant. She had said that her husband was jealous, and on one occasion had knocked down a man who had attempted to watch her while she was bathing.

Pleading guilty to the charge defendant added "I wounded him because he was trying to come between me and my wife."

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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT
The wedding is announced of Mr. Tang Yee Yuen, medical practitioner, of 13 Soares Avenue, Kowloon, to Miss Ruby May, of 152, Leichikok Road, Shamshuipo.

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DIVORCE

"We have shown, as we consider, the unsatisfactory state of the law in England and its need of reform. We have endeavoured to recommend reforms which, in our opinion, ought to be the foundation of a reasonable law suitable to real human needs, and if our recommendations be adopted for England, it may be hoped that in time they may be accepted throughout the Empire and possibly in other countries." The words are from the majority report of the Royal Commission on Divorce which delivered its recommendations in November, 1912, after its members had been considering a vast body of evidence since their first assembly in February 1910.

Hopeful words, they sound, and that in spite of the fact that there was a minority report, signed by the Archbishop of York, Sir William Anson, and Sir Lewis Dibdin, which opposed any actual extension of the grounds for divorce on the assumption that the Christian conception of a lifelong monogamous union was not to be further imperilled.

The adultery that was already recognised by statute as the only ground for divorce (and had been so recognised since 1857 when there was swept away the amazing requirement of a special Act of Parliament for each marriage that was dissolved) was naturally accepted even in the minority report; and the entire Commission was unanimous in its belief that the claims of husband or wife against the guilty party should be equal before the law. But the majority report whose hopeful words have been quoted went much further.

The chairman, Lord Gotell, with five Commissioners who included the two women members of the Commission, was in favour of dissolving a marriage on the following additional grounds: desertion for three years and upwards, cruelty, incurable insanity after five years' confinement, habitual drunkenness found incurable after three years from the first order of separation, and imprisonment for life under a commuted death sentence.

Where does the law in Britain stand now, nearly a quarter of a century after the issue of the Royal Commission's findings? So far as legislation is concerned pretty much where we stood in 1912 and immediately after, when the subject was hotly disputed and various Bills which were introduced to give effect to the majority recommendations were broken against the monogamous ideal (but monogamy tempered by the already admitted adultery) of the minority Commissioners.

In one or two ways the position has altered within more recent years. In 1923 the equality of the sexes was at last recognised, inasmuch as a wife could divorce her husband for a single act of adultery, even as he had enjoyed (if that be the right word for a course of action which usually means so much and so

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Spoon And Practice Shoot To-morrow

There will be a Spoon and Practice Shoot, at Stonecutters, by courtesy of the Naval Authorities, to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp.

A private launch will leave Queen's Pier at 1.15 p.m., calling at the Kowloon Public Pier at 1.25 p.m., Shamshuipo at 1.40 p.m., arriving at Stonecutters at 1.50. The launch will be available for the return journey on the completion of shooting.

Both full and affiliated members may take part in the shoot if they so desire, but it is particularly requested that, through the Council representatives, the Honorary Secretary may be informed not later than 2.30 p.m. to-day (Friday) how many members from each unit or club etc. will be attending.

great unhappiness) the same uncompromising privilege since the year 1857. Again, divorce suits can now be heard and decrees granted by assize judges, and there are restrictions on the publication of Divorce Court reports in the newspapers, both of which steps had been unanimously recommended in 1912. But with the five extended grounds for "divorce" nothing has been done, and so far from any accomplishment of the hopeful dream that our amended divorce law might serve as a model "throughout the Empire and possibly in other countries."

They have not even succeeded in applying our twenty-four-year-old ideal to England and Wales. Mr. A. P. Herbert's Bill, which gained a second reading before a small House of Commons recently and which will now go to a Standing Committee (the grave of so many "hopeful" legislative efforts that run counter to powerful but sectional interests), represents in essence yet another attempt to put the Royal Commission's five new grounds for divorce on the Statute-book.

It deserves to be discussed, and it ought to be discussed, but actually one fears that it is bound to be opposed. The phrase "irreparably collapsed" was used of those unhappy unions which it seeks to dissolve, but collapse is a relative term, and it is certain that there are plenty of people in this country who find no difficulty in contemplating with equanimity a wife tied to a lifelong lunatic or convict husband, or a husband bound to a hopeless dipsomaniac. That rock of the 1912 minority report has withstood many an embittered sea.

In one way the present Bill is less latitudinarian than the existing law; if with one hand it seeks to sweep away the period of six months between a decree nisi and the making of that decree absolute, with the other it would introduce an entirely new time-limit by making it impossible to gain a divorce on any grounds whatsoever during the first five years of marriage. That needs a great deal of thinking about indeed. If we have managed for years on the basis that any dissolute or reckless person can statutorily imperil his or her marriage within a fortnight of its taking place, it may seem rather strange now to be restricting that unlovely privilege. Mr. Herbert argues that during the first five years of marriage young people deserve to be protected from moods and impulses which, if allowed to bear them immediately into the Divorce Court, may wreck their whole future lives; he would substitute for divorce during that period a new type of judicial separation which could be converted into a divorce, later.

An instrument of that kind is not without its advantages if

"RIVIERA"—MY EYE!
The Other Viewpoint

(The Editor, "Hong Kong Daily Press")

Dear Sir,—After reading the sentiments expressed by the anonymous writer of yesterday's article entitled "Riviera"—My Eye! on the front page, I find myself reaching inevitable conclusions.

The gentleman (fortunately anonymous, for himself) carries with him a full compliment of spleen. Like as not, he would react in the same fashion to Constantinople or Paris or Peiping. He (in technical psychology) is burdened with a negative viewpoint.

I am a fresh newcomer here, I am 'old timer.' He should know what there is about Hong Kong to strike the eye, ear and nose askance.

He looks upon the innocent sampan, 'ricksha boy, street beggar, news woman and senses none of the underlying secrets of their humble and essentially human existence. This anonymous fellow is only aware of his own distemper and its ramifications.

He is all too patently bereft of imagination, personal philosophy and humour. He sees with a sour eye and a spleen poisoned pate.

In fact, he takes the line of least resistance in all matters reflective, social and etc., which is to condemn. If he had dared to give tardy thought to the spectacle of Hong Kong, he'd have seen myriad aspects which would both distract happily and delight. The trouble is, he didn't. He's jaundiced to a degree.

He crosses the little bay separating Kowloon and Victoria. He looks at the blue, sparkling and unusually clean harbour water. What does his bleary eye perceive? Refuse!

After succeeding in his own, business welfare, he is approached by a business-seeking 'ricksha boy, who attracts his attention. What does he do? He gets angry! I'll wager that this gentleman in question puts up a terrific fight when the Government asks him to pay taxes. As a rule, the persons who take most from the system are the most reluctant to give any back, even though they might eventually benefit.

Yours truly,
PHILIP NESBITT.
Hong Kong, Dec. 10, 1936.

SIAMESE CONSTITUTIONAL DAY CELEBRATED

The Siamese community celebrated their Constitutional Day last night at a dinner dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Osatananda at the Hotel Cecil. There was a large gathering present and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

During the course of the evening Mr. Osatananda proposed toasts to His Majesty the King of Siam and King Edward VIII, after which dancing was indulged in till 1 a.m. this morning.

additional grounds for divorce are to be admitted, but it deserves to be closely examined in relation to the grounds which exist. No doubt that will happen, just as the new grounds (which as propositions are already nearly twenty-five years old) will be again fought over in Committee; desertion as a basis for divorce, for instance, will be closely scrutinised, even though "malignant desertion" for a period of four years or over has since 1873 been sufficient to dissolve a marriage in Scotland.

The fate of this or later Bills of the same character all depends on the remaining strength of that old rock that was represented in 1912 by the Archbishop of York, Sir William Anson, and Sir Lewis Dibdin. It is perhaps worth while remarking once again that neither this nor any other Bill could possibly compel any person to apply for a divorce against his or her private judgment.

CORRESPONDENCE
"Z.B.W." PROGRAMME

(To the Editor, Hong Kong Daily Press)

Dear Sir,—I would very much like to show my appreciation of the splendid broadcast programme on Wednesday.

There has been so much criticism about the programmes from local stations that it gives me great pleasure to praise the committee on this occasion.

I was at a dinner party last evening and we were all most interested in the programmes in general, particularly the studio items which we considered outstanding.

The gramophone records were well chosen to suit all tastes, and the studio singing and instrumental items were exceptionally good. Being fond of music, I was able to appreciate the very fine singing of Albert A. Barton, whose voice has full tone and very clear diction. Why have we not heard him before? These remarks apply equally to Violet McGowan, who gave some very fine renditions of operatic songs.

Susan Jones, A.R.C.M., was also a pleasure to listen to and her fifteen minute recital passed too quickly.

Keep this up Z.B.W.! I would like to suggest that we have many more such good broadcasts in future.

Yours faithfully,
A MUSIC LOVER.
Hong Kong, Dec. 10, 1936.

OPPORTUNITY FOR HOBBYISTS

Stamps, Cards, And Sea-Shell

(The Editor, "Hong Kong Daily Press")

Sir,—Will you be kind enough to print this letter in the correspondence column of your estimable journal.

My object in writing is to invite those of your readers who are interested in collecting postage stamps, picture postcards or sea-shells to correspond with me, with a view to exchanging specimens. I have a large number of duplicates for exchange.

If any of your readers would like to have English newspapers, I shall be very pleased to send same and I will also send souvenirs of the Coronation of King Edward VIII when the ceremony takes place next spring.

By profession I am the manager of a large and very popular swimming pool, and the secretary of a Swimming Club which has about 1,000 members. I have been in Jersey for a year, and previously was manager of various swimming baths in London for eight years.

Thanking you,
LESLIE FARNSWORTH.
95, Don Road, Jersey,
Channel Islands,
England.

Hong Kong, December 10, 1936.

FANLING HUNT

(The Editor, "Hong Kong Daily Press")

Dear Sir,—With reference to your issue of the other day in which you showed a picture of Captain Swinburne with the caption of "The New Master of the Fan Ling Hunt," I should like to point out that Brigadier Seth-Smith is Master, as he was last season. Captain Swinburne is First Whip and owing to the illness of Brigadier Seth-Smith hunted hounds on the day that you reported.

Will you kindly print a correction.

Yours faithfully,
W. T. STANTON,
(Member Hunt Committee).

BOARD OF TRADE INDEX

London, Dec. 8.
For the sixth successive month the Board of Trade index of wholesale prices showed an increase in November. The rise as compared with October amounting to 0.7 per cent, and against November of last year in 1 per cent. For the first time for over six years the index was within two per cent. of the average of the base period—1920.—*British Wireless.*

CHINESE IMMIGRATION

Prés. Quezon Tells Pressmen His Views

TRADE RELATIONS WITH U.S.

"I have nothing to give out to the Press, except to answer any questions you will ask," Senator Manuel Quezon, President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, told local pressmen yesterday morning when he received them in the waiting-room of his suite in the Peninsula Hotel. The President's interview lasted barely fifteen minutes and during the time he pleasantly replied to every question put to him.

Questioned regarding the recent floods in the Philippines, President Quezon stated that he had already forwarded instructions to his administration to take all necessary measures to give immediate relief to the victims. His message also contained instructions to reconstruct such public buildings or roads that had been destroyed by the floods.

The President stated that he would visit Canton during the week-end, leaving Hong Kong on Saturday and returning on the following day. His last visit to that city was in 1926.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION

On the subject of Chinese immigration into the Philippines, President Quezon told the pressmen that he had proposed to the Assembly at its last session that the law of Chinese exclusion in the Philippines, which was now enforced by an act of Congress, be repealed and its place taken by a law enacted to allow Chinese immigration on a quota basis.

"But on the point of view of our labourers, we cannot permit the influx of Chinese labour into the Philippines," the President added. "There is no reason why, in the Philippines, there should be any law excluding the Chinese from entering the Islands. We shall see to it that there is no competition with our labour classes or that those newly admitted do not take part in the retail trade of the Islands."

CANTON VISIT

In connection with his coming visit to Canton, President Quezon stated he had received word that he would be visited by a representative of the Canton Government.

"As I am travelling incognito, I am not accepting any invitation," he said but stated that he would be meeting Mr. T. V. Soong later in the morning to lunch with Mr. Gaston K. Wong, Administrator of the Nine Districts of Kwangtung.

TRADE RELATIONS WITH U.S.

Concerning trade relations between the United States and the Philippines, the President stated that they were regulated by an act of Congress and were to last only ten years. There is going to be a conference between the United States and Philippine representatives with a view of considering whether these relations may be put on a more permanent basis.

"No one can foretell what will be the outcome of this meeting," President Quezon said, and added that there was a fair realisation equally, on both sides, of the possibilities of trade relations being put on a mutually beneficial basis. "Whether the realisation of the part of both Governments will be endorsed by the people of the United States is more than anybody can say at this time."

After a few questions were asked of the pressmen, President Quezon terminated his interview.

INCOME TAX LEVY IN CHINA

Nanking, Dec. 10.
Bureaux are to be established shortly in various provinces by the Ministry of Finance to enforce the collection of the new income tax, which comes into effect on January 1.

The tax will apply to salaries, business profits, bonds, and bank deposits.

The bureaux will also enforce the new inheritance tax, which now only awaits the approval of the Legislative Yuan.

Regulations governing the organisation and work of these "Direct Tax Bureaux" are being drafted and will be submitted to Dr. H. H. King, Finance Minister, for approval. It is suggested that in the beginning the organisation of these bureaux will be as simple as possible.—*Reuter.*

When We Will Go To War
EDEN DEFINES GROUNDS

Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, speaking at Leamington recently, said that, if the occasion arose, British arms would be used in the defence of France and Belgium against unprovoked aggression, in accordance with our existing obligations.

"They may," he added, "and if a new Western European settlement can be reached, they would be used in defence of Germany were she the victim of unprovoked aggression by any of the other signatories of such a settlement."

"Those, together with our Treaty of Alliance with Iraq, and our projected treaty with Egypt, are our definite obligations."

"In addition, our armaments may be used in bringing help to a victim of aggression in any case where, in our judgment, it would be proper under the provisions of the Covenant to do so. There is no automatic obligation to take action."

Mr. Eden said that the Note circulated recently to the signatories of the previous Locarno Treaty advocated what Britain regarded as reasonable and mutually acceptable conditions in the light of the replies already received.

FOOD PROBLEM IN KWANGTUNG

Canton, Dec. 10.

Owing to the rapid rise in the prices of foodstuffs and the consequent distress that has been occasioned, the Kwangtung Provincial authorities are much concerned regarding the necessary measures of relief.

And, since it has been decided to reserve \$30,000,000 for developing Hainan Island in accordance with Mr. T. V. Soong's plans of development, Mr. Liu Wal-sik, head of the Department of Reconstruction has decided to proceed to Hong Kong to-day for the purpose of conferring with Mr. T. V. Soong and proceeding together with him to Nanking.

It is believed that an association for the management and control of foodstuffs will soon be established.—*Chinese Evening Press.*

RAILWAY OFFICIAL FOR NORTH

Canton, Dec. 10.

It is reported that Mr. Li Luk-chiu, Superintendent of the Chinese Section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway is leaving Hong Kong to-day in order to take passage to Shanghai by the R.M.S. Empress of Japan.

It is understood that Mr. Li Luk-chiu is proceeding to Nanking to report and confer with the head of the Department of Railways regarding the extension of the Tai Sha Tau railway station, finance and property of the whole railway line, and changes in the collection of passenger fares.—*Chinese Evening Press.*

AGRICULTURE TO BE ENCOURAGED

Canton, Dec. 10.

In pursuance of its policy of rendering financial assistance to agriculturists and furthering the agricultural pursuits of the province, the Kwangtung Provincial authorities have decided to form an Agricultural Association and seek the co-operation of agriculturists in extending the area under cultivation in the coming spring.—*Chinese Evening Press.*

TURKEY APPEALS TO LEAGUE

Geneva, Dec. 9.

Turkey has appealed to the League of Nations Council in connection with the Franco-Turkish dispute over Alexandretta and Antioch, which were conditionally ceded by Turkey under post-war treaties.

It is suggested that the lives and liberties of the Turkish population are being placed in jeopardy.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

FOG IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 9.

Fog and ice on the roads are still causing dislocation of traffic in many parts of England. In the South-west and the Midlands, visibility was reported to-day as five yards or less.—*British Wireless.*

HALTING SPANISH CIVIL WAR ATTEMPT BY BRITAIN AND FRANCE

Combined Action To Force Truce Proposal

London, December 10.

A further attempt by the Governments of the United Kingdom and France to induce the German, Italian, Portuguese and Soviet Governments to declare their absolute determination to renounce strictly all direct or indirect action which might in any way be calculated to lead to foreign intervention in the Spanish conflict has been sympathetically received in the press here.

It is strongly felt that with complete calling off of foreign supplies and volunteers, the war would collapse through sheer exhaustion on both sides. On the other hand it is agreed that only combined action by the powers is likely to make either side respond to the proposals for a truce.—British Wireless.

London, Dec. 9.

A decisive diplomatic step with the view of bringing about an early cessation of hostilities in Spain was taken by the British Government, together with the French Government, according to an official communique issued by the Foreign Office on Wednesday.

"The British and French Governments have in the past week exchanged views on the situation which has arisen through the continuation of hostilities in Spain, and the dangers for European peace which it involves. After reaching full agreement in this respect, they have instructed their diplomatic representatives to request the German, Italian and Portuguese as well as the Soviet Governments to emphasize their absolute determination to completely renounce any direct or indirect action calculated to bring foreign interference in any form into this conflict and consequently to give their representatives to the London Non-Intervention Committee suitable instructions with the object of establishing a completely effective control. Through the same channels the two Governments have requested the said four Governments to co-operate with them in the spirit of humanity in the endeavour to bring the armed conflict in Spain to an end by means of an offer of mediation, whereby Spain would be given opportunity to have the will of the nation expressed."

BRITISH EFFORTS

London, Dec. 9.

The British Government has been earnestly considering ways and means of rendering further bloodshed in Spain impossible, and aiding the civil population. The organisation which was believed capable of dealing with such a vast scheme is the International Emergency Commission, which was founded in connection with the League of Nations for great catastrophes, and the British Government has requested that a meeting of the Executive Committee be called as soon as possible for considering the question. The British Government is preparing to make definite proposals at this meeting and in the meantime is considering the question suggested by members of Parliament.

The British Government has begun negotiations with both parties in the Spanish conflict with a view of bringing the hostilities to an end. It is announced that the mediatory action has already progressed, but detailed information is not yet forthcoming.—Transocean News Service.

MEDIATION PLAN

Paris, Dec. 10.

Germany, Italy and Portugal have asked for time to consider the Anglo-French proposals for the lessening of the danger of the Spanish war spreading and for ameliorating the lot of the suffering people of Spain.

Russia is understood to have stated that she is favourable to the proposals.

Mediation apparently will be sponsored by the Vatican, and also by the United States and other American republics.

Three stages of mediation are contemplated: namely, mediation by the powers, an armistice, and some sort of referendum in Spain which will determine where power shall lie.—Reuter.

SPANISH CIVIL WAR SUFFERERS

Relief Measures Under Consideration

London, Dec. 9.

An important announcement regarding humanitarian assistance for the Spanish population was made by the Foreign Secretary at Commons during question time. Mr. Eden said, "Government have for some time been giving their earnest consideration to the question of provision of further relief for the Spanish civil population and it appeared to them that the organisation best suited to handling this matter on a broad international basis was the International relief union formed under the League of Nations to deal with disasters of exceptional gravity."

His Majesty's Government have accordingly asked for an early meeting of the executive committee of the union for the purpose of formulating a scheme for the purpose of the immediate relief of suffering resulting from military operations in any part of Spain with the further ultimate objective of favouring to organise measures of more permanent relief and reconstruction as and when the occasion may offer. An international report for the committee is being prepared by a British representative.—British Wireless.

LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING

Foreign Ministers Not Attending

Geneva, Dec. 10.

The League Council meeting will open at 5 o'clock this afternoon to discuss the Spanish situation.

The fact that Britain, France and Russia will not be represented by their Foreign Ministers has disappointed the Spanish Government.

It is not expected that the Council will make any important decisions.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

NON-INTERVENTION COMMITTEE

London, Dec. 9.

The International Committee for the application of the agreement regarding non-intervention in Spain met for three hours at the Foreign Office this evening. The meeting had before it proposals of the chairman's subcommittee on the question of foreign volunteers. A communique will, if available, be included in the next transmission.—British Wireless.

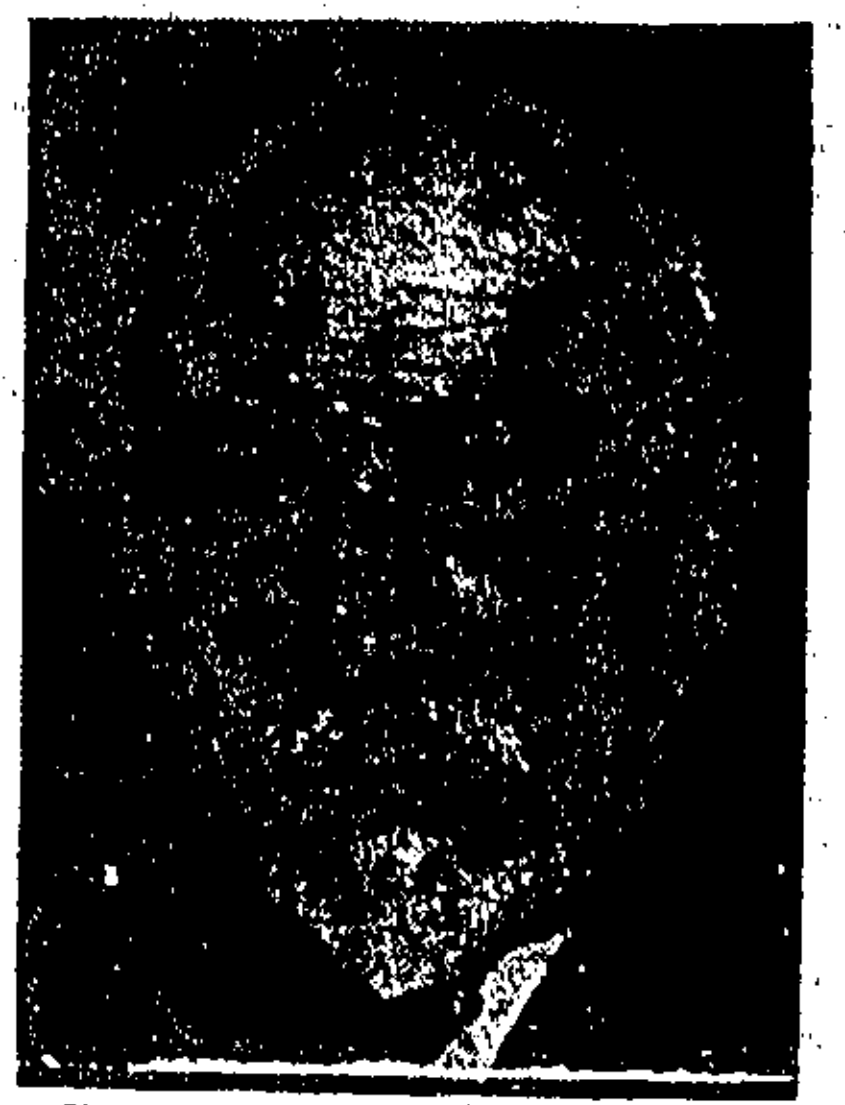
DUTCH AIRLINER CRASHES

London, Dec. 9.

Senor de La Cierva, inventor of the auto-gyro, and Admiral Lindman, former Premier of Sweden, are dead with twelve others as a result of the accident to the Royal Dutch Airliner near Croydon Aerodrome this morning.

The liner with fourteen passengers and a crew of three left half an hour late owing to fog and soon after taking off struck the roof of a house in Farley, burst into flames and crashed into the road. Of the three survivors two are in a serious condition. Air Ministry experts are inquiring into the cause of accident.—British Wireless.

DEATH IN ITALY



Rome, Dec. 10.—The death has occurred of Luigi Pirandello, the Italian dramatist and novelist, at the age of 69. He was the author of several novels and plays, adaptations of which appeared in England, including *Lazzaro*, *And That's the Truth*, *The Vice*, *The Mock Emperor*, *The Man with the Flower in His Mouth*, *The Life I gave You*, *Six Characters in search of an Author*, *As You Desire Me*, and *Trovarti*.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

GERMANY WANTS COLONIES

Frankfurt-on-Main, Dec. 9.

The German Minister of Economics and President of the Reichsbank, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, again appealed to the world to give Germany Colonies in a speech held on Wednesday at the centenary celebration of the Society for Geography and Statistics. Schacht said:

"The peace of Europe, and thus that of the world, depend upon whether the densely congregated masses of Central Europe are provided with the possibility of living or not. I take exception to the view of the former British Secretary of State for Colonies, Amery, that the eventual return of her Colonies would be of no value to Germany. Through the Treaty of Versailles, Germany has lost 10 per cent of her population, but 154 per cent of her land. In pre-war times the markets of the world had been open, and there had been no special incitement to develop our own Colonies."

Transocean News Service.

RAPALLO TREATY

London, Dec. 9.

The Foreign Secretary was asked in the House of Commons to-day whether Germany had repudiated the Treaty of Rapallo.

Mr. Eden replied:—"The Treaty of Rapallo—a treaty for friendship between Germany and the Soviet Union signed in 1922—was superseded by the German Soviet Treaty of Friendship signed at Berlin in April, 1926, which was valid for the years from the date of its ratification in June of the same year. In May, 1931, the Berlin Treaty was extended by signature of a special protocol providing that each of the contracting parties could denounce it on giving a year's notice, but not before June, 1933. As far as I am aware, neither of the contracting parties has so far denounced this Treaty."

British Wireless.

AIR SERVICE TO SCANDINAVIA

London, Dec. 9.

The Under Secretary for Air in the House of Commons stated that the British Airways, which operates a service to Scandinavia, has invited the Air Ministry to investigate its methods of operation. Stating this would be done, Sir Philip Sassoon continued, "I am bound to add I do not consider accidents which have occurred on night air mail service to Honover, call into question the company's ability to offer safe night service to Scandinavia. The company's daily passenger service has been operating since February with regularity and without accident."

British Wireless.

DANZIG PRESIDENT RETURNS

Berlin, Dec. 9.

Dr. Greiser, President of Danzig, returned there from Berlin to-day. It is reported that 60 Communists, alleged to be Trotsky terrorists, have been arrested in Danzig on a charge of subversive activities.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

MURDERER OF GUSTLOFF

Jewish Student On Trial

Chur, Dec. 9.

A prison sentence of 18 years was demanded by the public prosecutor for David Frankfurter, the murderer of Wilhelm Gustloff, the National Socialist Regional leader in Switzerland. The prosecutor also demanded that Frankfurter be banned from Switzerland for life, and bear the costs of the trial, as well as the damages arising from the assassination. Frankfurter's only response was a shrug of the shoulders. Preceding this the prosecutor gave details of the events leading up to the assassination, as well as details of Frankfurter's past life. The family, which is originally German, had migrated to Vienna, Bosnia and finally Croatia.

David, who was of sickly nature, returned to Leipzig to study medicine. Having failed to pass his examinations, he went to Frankfurt, but finally lost interest in his studies and passed his day in cafes and cinemas. The crime was motivated only by his hatred against the National Socialist Regime, since he had never seen Gustloff until the fatal meeting, but had read about him in the papers, and had his address from the telephone directory. He had planned to shoot the National Socialist leader as early as 4 to 6 weeks before the murder and had bought a pistol in December, although he did not go to Davos until February. The prosecutor closed his remarks, and stated that psychiatrists had pronounced Frankfurter entirely sane.

During the cross examination which Frankfurter answered most of the questions with a shrug of the shoulders or mere assent, he declared he had never interested himself in politics and during his university life belonged only to the Jewish religious organisation in Leipzig. Asked if he regretted having committed the crime, Frankfurter answered, "Not in the least." He declared that his failure in the university was due to the inability to concentrate. The trial was adjourned at noon, to recommence at 4 p.m.—Transocean News Service.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE

Chur, Dec. 9.

The afternoon session of the first day in the trial here of the Jewish student, David Frankfurter, for the assassination of the National Socialist Regional leader for Switzerland, Wilhelm Gustloff, began with the Psychiatrist, Dr. Joerges, stating that he could find no sign of the existence of mental derangement or psychosis, but believed Frankfurter to be motivated by political hatred, inner mental conflicts and the urge for spiritual relief. After this testimony, the evidence of a Berne waitress was read, which confirmed the idle life led by the defendant. In the ensuing examination by the President of the court, Frankfurter changed his tactics, and tried to create the impression as though he had been motivated by emotional stress. Asked by the President, whether he had ever earnestly intended to commit suicide, the defendant replied in the negative, as he had never been able to make a clear decision. To the questions whether there were any instigations or accomplices, Frankfurter emphatically denied any connection of this kind, declaring that neither in Germany nor in Switzerland had he ever belonged to any political party. His family had also had no knowledge of his plans.—Transocean News Service.

BALLOON BARRAGE IN LONDON

London, Dec. 9.

Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for Coordination of Defence, asked in the House of Commons if the construction of a balloon barrage to defend London had been commenced, said that orders had been placed and delivery would begin at end of the year. He added that the Air Ministry would be responsible for the barrage and units would be organised on the same lines as the present air force auxiliary organisation.—British Wireless.

POPE'S HEALTH

Vatican City, Dec. 10.

A bulletin issued this morning states that the Pope spent a satisfactory night and is making normal progress towards recovery.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

NAVAL TRIBUTE IN ST. PAUL'S

Jellicoe And Madden

GREATNESS IN SIMPLICITY

The tomb of Lord Jellicoe in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral was dedicated recently, and at the same time a plaque to the memory of Sir Charles Madden, his Chief of Staff, was unveiled. A short service, which included the hymn "Eternal Father, strong to save," was conducted by Canon Alexander and the Archdeacon of London.

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Ernle Chatfield, First Sea Lord, unveiled the memorial plaque, which has been placed in the crypt by Lady Madden, and committed it to the charge of the Dean and Chapter. He said that among the many high and distinguished posts which Sir Charles Madden held during his great career in the Navy there was one which they would especially remember his most responsible period as Chief of Staff during the Great War to the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet. Like his great chief, Sir Charles Madden was not only a great naval leader and seaman, but he commanded the fullest confidence of all those who served under him.

LIKE KING GEORGE

Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty said that the tomb that was being dedicated was very simple. Why should it not be simple, when it was the memorial of a great and single-minded man who lived so simple and natural a life? Lord Jellicoe always seemed to him to represent in a remarkable way the best characteristics of the Englishman. Indeed, if he were asked to name two Englishmen who of our generation best transmuted the English tradition and the English habit into the super-excellent metal he would name King George V and Lord Jellicoe. Each of them lived a simple life. Each of them kept the balance between outdoor sport and indoor work. Each of them had the highest sense of duty. Each of them, typical of many Englishmen, under-rated his own abilities. Each of them, though experience, common sense, and ability made their powers more remarkable than many imagined, rejoiced to represent the normal views of many millions of Englishmen and Englishwomen among whom they lived.

It was this single-minded simplicity and characteristic poise that made them both so greatly beloved and so deeply respected. He was told that no naval officer was more popular with the naval ratings than Lord Jellicoe. He knew their thoughts, and knowing their thoughts, had the direct and simple word to say to them at the right moment. Surely, again, it was this characteristic that made the men of the British Legion love him.

NO BITTER WORD

Preterence, self-advertisement, personal recrimination he detested. While the controversial volumes that had been written about the War would fill many shelves, and he of all men might have been justified to make his counter-attack against his critics, he was one of the few great leaders, military or civil, who had not said a bitter or a wounding word. Here was true greatness—to do great things in a normal way, to take them, so to speak, in one's stride; to be misrepresented, but to be so certain of oneself as not to retaliate; to have a mind and body ready for action; to take a great decision and not to job back from hesitation and remorse when one had taken it.

Remembering with gratitude those high qualities, let them not forget that they were built upon the foundations of a consistent, definite, and fervent Christian faith. On that tomb was the name of one whose life was the epitome of English life. Let it remind them that it was by these English qualities that they had become a great people; and it was only by their maintenance that they would remain a great Empire.

Among those present were:

Lady Jellicoe, Lord Jellicoe, Major Edward and Lady Gwendoline Latham, Lionel and Lady Myrtle Ralston, Lady Norah Winfield, Lady Frances Jellicoe, Lady Violet Winfield, Lady Madden.

KING ABDICATES

(Continued from Page 1)

BRITISH PRESS REFLECTIONS

Grave Calamity If King Abdicates

London, Dec. 10.

"Unhappily indications late last night were not such as to encourage optimism, though until the last minute of the last hour the nation will continue to pray that King Edward's final decision will be against abdication," says "Daily Mail" in an editorial.

"The affection and sympathy of the British people will follow him whatever his choice. But it will be a grave calamity for the State if his final determination be to retire to private life. Possessing as he does such great endowments of character and such a vast knowledge of the Empire, he has the power to render unrivalled services to his people."

"The argument is over. The controversy is stilled. While awaiting the Prime Minister's words, the nation can only offer the fervent hope that the Empire and the democratic principle it embodies will emerge from the crisis strengthened and fit to play the beneficent role in the world's affairs that is at once its privilege and responsibility," the "New Chronicle" declares.

MAN ABOVE ALL

"The path grows dim," says the "Daily Express." "Pray for the King to give him guidance and strength in the dark hour. Because he is a man above all, and one who has given infinite service to the people, he needs, as he deserves, the human affection of all good men and women in the realm."

The political correspondent of the "Morning Post" points out that no irrevocable decision will have been taken by the King until Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, reads his statement to the House of Commons this afternoon.

"If the announcement is made in the sense which the nation would deplore, it is expected to include a declaration of the willingness of the Duke of York to reign in his brother's stead."

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THE MILWAUKEE ROAD

"SCOTLAND NOT IN ECLIPSE"

Colonel Colville's Optimism

MERCHANT COMPANY DINNER

Scotland is on the threshold of a "new prosperity" in the view of the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Lieutenant-Colonel D. J. Colville, who spoke recently at the 255th anniversary dinner of the Edinburgh Merchant Company, says the "Glasgow Herald."

"I refuse to subscribe to the silly Jeremiah," he said, "that Scotland is in eclipse. The signs are not those of a country in eclipse, but rather of a people throwing off the burden of depression and going forward to a new prosperity."

He was proposing the curious principal toast of the "Stock of Broom"—the Company's emblem of uncertain origin.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

At the table of the new Master (Mr. W. Kinloch Anderson), who presided, were, in addition to Lieutenant-Colonel Colville, the Lord Provost (Mr. Louis S. Gumley), the Sheriff of the Lothians (Mr. C. H. Brown, K.C.), Lord Normand (the Lord Justice-General), Mr. T. M. Cooper, K.C., M.P. (the Lord Advocate), Sir George Macdonald, Sir John Jeffrey (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Scotland), Sir William W. McKechnie, Mr. J. S. C. Reid, K.C. (Solicitor-General for Scotland), Sir Francis J. Grant (Lord Lyon King of Arms), Sir Thomas B. Watson, and Sir Samuel Chapman, M.P.

Lord President Normand, proposing "The City of Edinburgh," said the Merchant Company no doubt prided itself on its age, but in the year in which it came into existence Edinburgh was already a very ancient city.

A hint by the Lord President with regard to the lighting of certain Edinburgh streets caused Lord Provost Gumley, who responded to the toast, to remind Lord Normand that he was once a member of a Government department which had set up a committee to inquire into the lighting of highways.

OVER 40,000 BACK AT WORK IN PAST YEAR

Lieut.-Colonel Colville in his speech referred to the way in which Scottish trade was "picking-up," and said that in shipyard, steel work, engineering shop, and mine there was steadier employment than had been experienced for five years. The distributive trades were busy, and the building trade was working at a pace which in some districts had actually produced a shortage of skilled labour.

There were at last signs—albeit but growing—that new light industries were coming into our midst. Within the past year over 40,000 people had come back to employment.

In a reference to the Empire Exhibition in Glasgow two years hence, he said it would be a great rallying ground for traders from this and from countries overseas, and he was certain it would be worthy of the record Scotland had in the matter of such ventures.

"THE RULING CLASS"

He recalled that an exhibition of the "works of industry" was being held in 1851 when the Merchant Company agreed to subscribe to the funds.

The Merchant Company had certainly provided "the ruling class" for there had been educated at a Merchant Company school the Lord Advocate (Mr. Cooper), the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. W. S. Morrison), and the newly appointed Governor-General of the Union of South Africa (the Hon. Patrick Duncan) (Applause).

In this country when we talked of the State we were inclined to think only of Parliament and of the local authorities. His conception of the State was somewhat much wider. Much of the public work of the community was done by voluntary social groupings—the Merchant Company, the Chambers of Commerce, the great voluntary hospitals, and friendly societies.

To the rigid planner and dictator this might look a dimmy patchwork, but in reality it is one of the sources of strength of this country. The strength of the country had depended not on the but many pillars, and so we have

CIVIL SERVANT TERRITORIALS

Special Leave With Pay For Camp

Privileges for Civil Servants in the Territorial forces were announced by Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Under-Secretary for War, at a luncheon of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Territorial Association at Southampton recently.

The Government, he said, was reviving previous regulations to give special leave with pay for the whole period of Territorial camp to all civil servants whose normal leave did not exceed 15 days.

It was also increasing the period for which special leave with pay was granted to those whose normal leave allowance was less than 24 days.

Mr. Duff Cooper, Secretary for War, in a telegram stated:

"At the present time both the Regular and the Territorial forces are in urgent need of additional recruits."

"I believe that if the facts can be brought home to the young men of Britain that their services are really required by this country they will not hesitate to come forward."

RED TAPE BLAMED

Lord Mottistone, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, presided at the luncheon, which was attended by the civic and commercial leaders of the county.

He declared that part of the trouble in the recruiting campaign was the cumbersome machine that the War Office was trying to steer into activity. It was going too slowly. Young men and employers were anxious to help, but red tape—a nigardliness over small things—stood in the way.

If the War Office were given £500,000 to be spent in the best way, perhaps as recommended by the Territorial Association, they could wipe out the whole of the Territorial Army's deficiency of 40,000 men within a year.

SCOTTISH MARRIAGE LAW

It is understood that the work of the Committee set up in December of last year by the late Sir Godfrey Collins to inquire into the marriage law of Scotland is now practically completed, and that the report on the investigation is expected to reach the Secretary of State in a very short time. When published it will probably be found to be a unanimous report on all the matters, including that of irregular marriages, which came within the purview of the Committee. The Government will require time to consider the recommendations made, but there is little doubt that with them as the basis, legislation for the reform of the Scottish marriage law will ultimately be forthcoming. Such a Bill will in no way clash with the measure which Lord Alness proposes to present later to the House of Lords. His Bill will deal with divorce matters only, whereas the measure based on the Committee of Inquiry's report will be concerned with the creation and not the dissolution of marriage ties.

HOCKEY MATCH

In a Brawn Cup hockey match played on the School ground yesterday afternoon, the Central British School "A" team defeated the C.B.S. "B" eleven by four goals to nil. Miss Abbie Martin (A) and Miss D. McGraw and Miss M. McCaw were the goal scorers.

remained strong when other countries have been shattered.

Advantage of the presence of more than one Government representative was taken by the Master, when replying to press the claims for a new fourth road bridge. The bridge at Kincardine, or more far-fetched as recently suggested, would not, he said, satisfy their applications. They hoped for the wholehearted support in this matter of the new Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

The toast of "The Imperial Forces" was given by Mr. Andrew Wilson, an old Master, and responded to by Commander W. G. Brown, R.N., and Colonel R. F. B. Taylor. The toast of "Scottish Education" was proposed by Colonel W. H. Taylor, and replied to by Sir William McKechnie.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Triangular Tournament

Owing to movements of the Fleet, the Royal Navy's Rugby Football side will not be at full strength towards the end of this season. For this reason some alterations have been made in the dates of the Triangular Tournament games and these will now take place as follows:—

December, 12th.—Army v. Navy on Army Ground.

December, 18th.—Navy v. Club on Club Ground.

January 2nd.—Army v. Navy on Army Ground.

January 9th.—Army v. Club on Club Ground.

January 23rd.—Army v. Club on Club Ground.

The Club and Navy have already played off one round in which the Club were victorious to the score of 19 points to 8.

The game between the Army and Navy at Sookinpoop next Saturday will commence at 4 p.m., and will be preceded at 2.45 p.m. by a game between the China Fleet Engine Room Artificers, XV and the Club A XV.

Teams selected are as follows:—Royal Navy.—E. R. A. Evans (Hermes), F. O. Weir (Hermes), Lt. Partridge R.M. (Hermes), Lt.

SUSPENSION REDUCED

Kowloon Chinese At Appeals Board

The result of the meeting of the Appeals Board of the Hong Kong Football Association concerning the appeal of the Kowloon Chinese football team when three of their members were suspended, is as follows:

The full back's penalty is reduced to one month from the date of the match in question, that is, he will be allowed to resume play on December 22.

The goal-keeper will be allowed to resume play on January 2. The penalties were all confirmed by the Captain of the team.

Harvey (Odin), Lt. Smeall (Hermes), Lt. Euman (Perseus), Lt. Davies (Perseus), Surg. Lt. Miles (Hermes), Marine Light (Hermes), Marine Light (Dorsetshire), Lt. Coltart (Proteus), Lt. Halfax (Daring), Lt. Hawkins (Oswald) — Captain, Lt. Baker (Dorsetshire) and Lt. Woods (Odin).

Army.—Fus. Barry, Fus. Jones, L/Cpl. Lewis, Fus. Keshaw, Spr. Boyling, Fus. Floyd, Fus. Preece,

COMING CRICKET MATCH

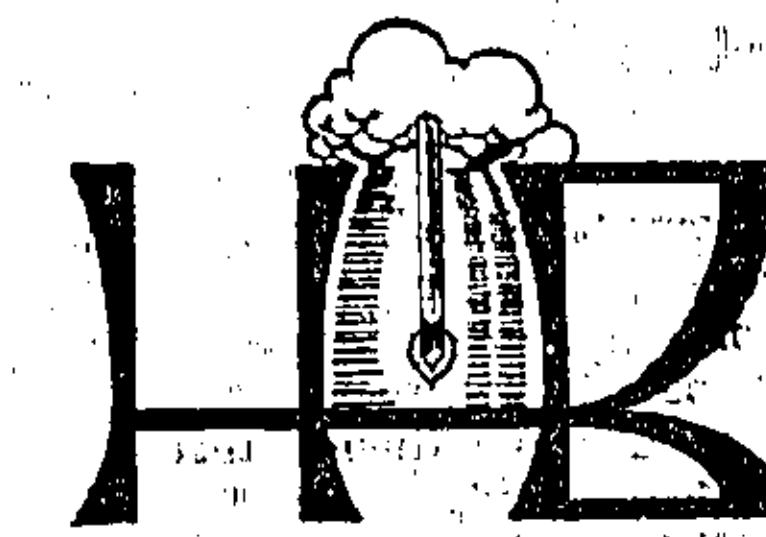
Over 30 v. Under 30

An interesting cricket match will be played at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground on December 12 at 2 p.m., when the over 30s and the under 30s will meet.

The following will play:—

OVER 30
H. R. B. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, R. L. D. Woodhouse, R. D. Gillespie, A. W. Hayward, F. Goodwin, L. T. Ride, E. Bathurst, H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, A. K. Mackenzie, and J. H. Davis.

UNDER 30
H. B. Neve, R. L. Holden, G. A. Stewart, F. A. Dunnett, L. D. Kilbee, R. M. King, W. Stoker, W. Wooding, H. W. Baines, V. C. Bond, C. G. Agnew, and F. V. Harrison.



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D.B.S. WIN AT CRICKET

For the first time, the C.B.S. and D.B.S. met in two cricket matches simultaneously on December 9, the 1st XI playing at the C.B.S. ground and the 2nd XI at the D.B.S.

The D.B.S. had the better of the afternoon as they won one match and drew the other favourably, the finish being most exciting, as the last C.B.S. man had to play three balls to succeed in drawing the match.

SCORES

1st XI.—C.B.S. 85 (Ainslie 28, N. D. Booker 21, Stone 16, Burn 10, Cray 7 for 31, Fisher 3 for 30);

D.B.S. 95 for 5 wickets (Prata 28, Dalziel 24, Cray 23, Hosgood 2 for 38, Street 2 for 38); D.B.S. won by 5 wickets.

2nd XI.—D.B.S. 149 for 5 wickets declared (Edmondson 57, Lapsley 41, Macauley 14 not out, Pryde 1 for 8, Mitchell 1 for 19, K. Shute 1 for 35).

C.B.S. 102 for 9 wickets (Hurley 19, Fuxman 17, W. Shute 14, K. Shute 11, Holden 11, Cheung 2 for 12, Matthews 1 for 12, Macauley 3 for 24, Lapsley 3 for 40); Match drawn.

RACING MACHINE

Famous English Sprinter

"First-class athletic competition," says Harold Abrahams, famous English sprinter, "is a profession." For over eight months prior to the Olympic Games of 1924, I set about making myself into a machine. I schemed to cover every 100-yard race in exactly the same number of strides. I worked out the exact length that each stride should be, and I marked on a running track with pieces of paper the exact position of each of them. I used to cover 100 yards in 45 strides, and ideally I planned that I should be able at the end of a race to find 22 pieces of paper on the spikes of one shoe and 23 on the spikes of the other. Of course I never was able to achieve such machine-like precision, but that is what I set out to do. And I won this such-trained-for race."

YELLOW LIGHTS FOR CARS

French And English Experts Disagree

Mr. Hore-Bellisha, the Minister of Transport, was questioned in Parliament recently about the use of yellow headlights for motor-cars, which the French have made compulsory for all new vehicles from April of next year. The Minister said that expert opinion in this country, which he had consulted, held that the physiological advantages were not proved.

He added that the Medical Research Council and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research had undertaken to pursue jointly further investigations and he would take their conclusions into account.

This is an old controversy, which the National Physical Laboratory did its best to decide. After long tests it found that neither yellow nor any other coloured light was more penetrating in fog than white light. The only advantage to be gained by using a yellow filter was that the illumination was cut down and the amount of reflection from the suspended moisture in the air was reduced.

The technical report on which the French regulation is based contained the following recommendations:

Yellow light is unanimously recognised as causing less inconvenience to road-users than white.

Its dazzle effects are less lasting.

As regards illumination, it is doubtful if there is any difference between them, at an equal intensity of filament light.

In fog or rain the advantages of yellow light are incontestable. It thus appears that the experts of the two countries do not see eye to eye on this matter. The new French law makes yellow headlights compulsory for new vehicles after April 1 of next year and for all vehicles after Jan. 1, 1939.

Most London buses are now fitted with yellow fog-lamps.

COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

The following starting times are announced for playing at the Country Golf Club on December 13:—

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

10.30 W. G. Williams v. B. Basto.

10.34 C. E. Suen v. L. D'Almada.

10.38 C. E. Roza-Pereira v. A. J. Kew.

10.42 A. G. Botelho v. S. J. Fong.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

10.48 Mrs. A. E. H. Castro v. Mrs. A. W. da Roza.

10.50 Mrs. F. E. Remedios v. Mrs. L. D'Almada.

10.54 Mrs. A. J. Kew v. Mrs. J. J. Basto.

10.58 Miss L. G. Ablong v. Miss O. Basto.

HOME RUGBY

London, Dec. 9.

Two Rugby Union County Championship matches were played yesterday, Hampshire, the champions, losing to Surrey, at Richmond, by 11 points to 6, while Kent and Sussex shared the spoils in their match, each team scoring 3 points.

Reuter.

SO BLACK THE ROSE

Experimental Work Of Priest

Have you ever seen a black rose? Have you ever walked down an avenue of giant rose trees—16 to 20 feet high—that made you think you were wearing magnifying glasses? If you have, it probably means you've visited the experimental gardens of the 74-year-old Catholic priest in Santa Barbara—Father Schoener. A road-builder for close to half a century, he has in his garden at present 2300 varieties of roses. His velvety black rose, whose creation has cost him much trouble, he has named in honour of his friend, the late Chief Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.

GIANT ROSES

The 111 giant rose trees of his "Avenida de las Rosas" have been grown mainly to demonstrate that, where climate favours, the rose is a practical street tree, even a practical shade tree. Some of his 20-footers have a 10-foot spread. He developed his giants by crossing roses grown from the Royal Botanic Garden of Calcutta, India. The big trees are of 13 varieties, all very beautiful, with white roses, cream roses, yellow, orange, pink and red roses.

GRAFTING

Father Schoener intends to make these lofty rose trees fruit trees, too. It's perfectly possible. The apple is a member of the rose family. "Rosa macrocarpa" grows very large fruit (seedpods or "hips") in its native India. Father Schoener is crossing "macrocarpa" with various apples, and is confident that in a few years he'll produce, to bud onto his giants, a rose with an edible rose fruit, spicy and sweet. His confidence is encouraged by the fact that in Oregon he once crossed "Rosa pomifera" and the Spitzenberg apple, and got a rose plant that bore midget apples that made a fine jelly with a rose fragrance.

SCOTTISH ADMINISTRATION

The Committee, appointed by the Secretary of State to review the machinery of Scottish administration, propose to make an early start on their task, which will probably entail sittings in both Edinburgh and London. Much of their work will consist of examining memoranda submitted by those qualified through experience to advise on the distribution of duties as between the two sets of offices, though it is likely that they will also have direct consultations with responsible civil servants and with local authority representatives. With the transfer to Edinburgh of the Education and Health Departments, one particular problem has arisen for which it is hoped the Committee will find a solution. It is necessary, because actual Government policy is settled in London, that the heads of these departments should be mostly in Whitehall, and it is almost equally necessary that they should exercise personal control in Edinburgh. A revised liaison system seems to be called for, but the Committee may hit upon some other plan.

USE OF COTTON ON ROADS

A Lancashire Test

Cotton industry experts who are interested in any possible large-scale uses for cotton fabrics, have read with some surprise Mr. Hore-Bellisha's statement on November 11, in reply to a question by Major Procter, M.P. for Accrington, that experiments in this country and abroad do not, according to his present information, justify him in specifying cotton cloth for use in the construction and surfacing of roads.

To put this matter to a practical test in Lancashire itself, in continuation of an experiment that has already been made at Burnley, Mr. Thomas Esker, a mill manager and a member of Chadderton Urban District Council, has offered to supply to his council sufficient cotton fabrics of a suitable kind for use on a length of 150 yards of a road at Chadderton.

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

Mr. Hore-Bellisha's discouraging statement, which is being interpreted in Lancashire as definitely closing the subject, accords very ill with authentic information supplied to the Lancashire cotton trade on United States experience in this matter. During the 12 months up to last May no fewer than 26 States of the union had applied for cotton fabric to reinforce 600 miles of "bituminous surfaced," i.e., tarred, roads of the second class, 18ft. to 20ft. in width. This interest of highway authorities had been stimulated by the action of the American Secretary for Agriculture in allocating earlier in the year a sum of \$1,300,000 to ascertain by experiment the merits of cotton fabric as a reinforcement membrane in road surfacing. Roads totalling a maximum of 1,000 miles are being used in the inquiry.

Besides this use for cotton in road construction no fewer than 80,000 cotton mats, to assist in "curing" concrete laid in road surfacing, have been made available for at least three experiments in each State of the Union.

For both these types of new use for cotton fabric in road making the experiments are intentionally being spread over the whole area of the United States, so as to test the material in every variety of climate and in all seasons. Preliminary reports of the trials show generally very satisfactory results. New England, New York State, South Carolina, and Texas are varied localities, where experience has been obtained. It is claimed that the use of cotton fabric prolongs the life of the road surface by preventing the development of cracks and holes and by binding the edges of the road surface. The method used is to spray the road surface with tar or asphalt, lay the cotton cloth on it while the tar or asphalt is still viscid, spray the cloth with tar, and roll in upon it the usual hard stone chippings.

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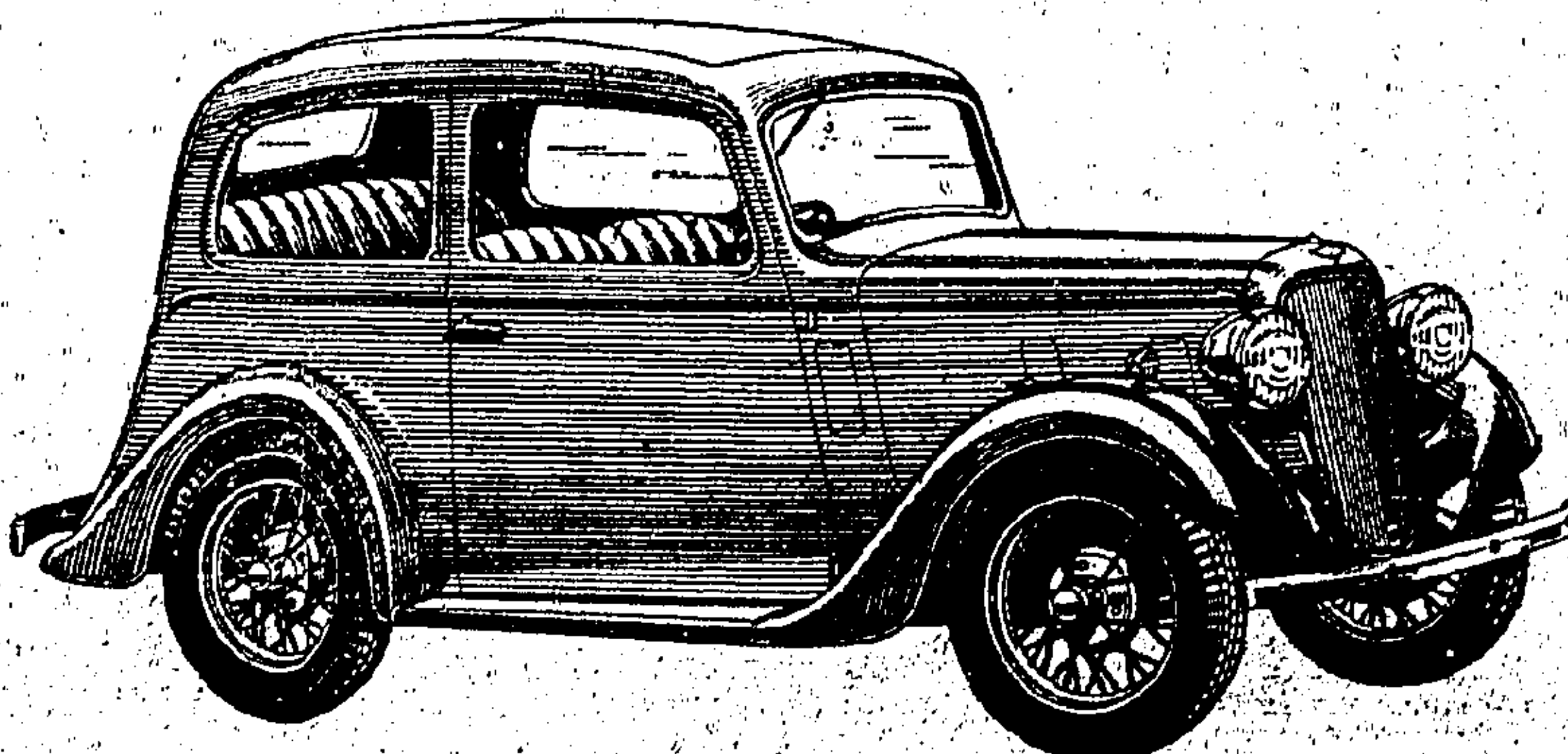


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FALL IN SECURITIES

A sharp fall in prices of foreign securities on the German Stock Exchange recently is attributed to the belief that the Government intend confiscating foreign investments owned by German citizens in order to acquire foreign exchange for the purchase of necessary imports under the four-year plan. It is presumed that the holders would be given compensation in the form of interest-bearing Treasury certificates, as were the Italian owners of foreign investments confiscated by Signor Mussolini to obtain foreign exchange during the period of "sanction."

The governing consideration in the mind of the authorities probably is that for the erection of the rubber, benzene, and other plants which are eventually to make Germany independent larger quantities of raw materials are required than she is at present able to import out of the proceeds of her exports.

After the Nuremberg party rally in September, when Herr Hitler announced the four-year plan, a steadily increasing demand set in for foreign securities on the part of persons who, as the party Press writes, "inexorably lacked confidence in the financial and economic soundness of their own fatherland. Prices rose until a substantial disparity existed between quotations on the German and international markets and the authorities began to issue warnings that the movement was undesirable from the point of view of the capital market and in other respects financially unjustifiable. On October 15 they imposed restrictions on transactions involving the exchange of one foreign security for another. On November 4 they made it obligatory for holders of German foreign bonds acquired after July 12, 1931, and of foreign securities not quoted on an exchange, to offer their holdings to the Reichsbank. From this the market drew the conclusion that the interest of the authorities in the prices of foreign securities which are dealt in on the Berlin market was that of a potential purchaser, and the disparity between prices on German and foreign markets rapidly came down by 50 per cent.

"A NATIONAL RESERVE"
This view of the Government's intentions finds confirmation in the Essen "National-Zeitung," which says that "foreign securities owned in Germany are a national reserve of foreign exchange which must be pulled in should the circumstances of the national economy require it. The newspaper also indicates that compensation will be based on the prices of the shares on the international markets and not on the artificially high prices to which they have been pushed by speculators in Germany. Another newspaper recalls that by confiscating French Renten owned by Italians, Signor Mussolini was able to get an advance of 400,000,000 from the Bank of France.

Herr Wagner, the Commissioner appointed by General Goering to handle the price problems created by the four-year plan, stated in a speech recently that his task was not confined to supervising costs of living, but extended to the planning of the whole national price-structure. He would go on the principle that "the price situation in its totality must be so ordered that it is possible for the socially weaker classes to maintain a standard of living which assures them the strength of physique and character that will enable them to stand up successfully to the nation's struggle for existence." Commentator takes that to mean that Herr Wagner will not occupy himself mainly with promulgating fixed retail prices for foodstuffs, but will intervene at every stage of production of all industrial and agricultural products and secure his results by promoting economy and efficiency.

IN THE AFTERNOON
The market was quiet in the afternoon.

IN STERLING
A small business was reported at 1/2 31/32 for near delivery, finishing with sellers at 1/2 15/16 December, buyers at 1/2 31/32 for any delivery.

U.S. DOLLARS
The market closed with sellers at 30 9/16 for Spot, U.S. Dollars, buyers at 29 3/4 for Spot.

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QUOTATIONS

New York, December 10.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York-London Cross-rate	12.34	12.17	12.11	12.34 off
New York Cotton—Mar.	18.35	18.17	18.11	18.35 up
New York Rubber—Mar.	18.35	18.17	18.11	18.35 up
Chicago Wheat—May	191	189	189	191 up
Chicago Corn—May	104	103	103	104 up
Silver—Official	104	103	103	104 up

	High	Low	Close	Change
Dow Jones Averages	180.39	143.11	180.37	181.77 up
30 Industrial	180.39	143.11	180.37	181.77 up
30 Rail	60.46	40.35	54.45	55.58 up
30 Utilities	38.16	28.63	33.06	34.75 up
40 Bonds	105.83	98.92	104.79	106.81 up
11 Commodity Index	75.84	55.28	74.40	78.31 up

Business Done:—1,860,000 shares.

Stocks	Last Sale	Dec. 8	9
Adams Express	14 1/2	15 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	70 1/2	71 1/2	
Amer. Can.	118 1/2	119 1/2	
Amer. Car & Foundry	34 1/2	35 1/2	
Amer. Cyanamid	34 1/2	35 1/2	
Amer. & For. Power	62 1/2	63 1/2	
Amer. & For. \$1 pf.	53 1/2	54 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive	43 1/2	44 1/2	
Amer. Metals	49 1/2	50 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	23 1/2	24 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	34 1/2	35 1/2	
Amer. Smelting	95 1/2	96 1/2	
Amer. Steel Fdries	58 1/2	59 1/2	
Amer. Sugar	58 1/2	59 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	187 1/2	188 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	99 1/2	100 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	25 1/2	26 1/2	
Anacosta Copper	47 1/2	48 1/2	
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	72 1/2	73 1/2	
Atlantic Refining	31 1/2	32 1/2	
Atlas Corp.	164 1/2	165 1/2	
Auburn Motors	32 1/2	33 1/2	
Baldwin Locomotive	80 1/2	81 1/2	
\$7 cum. pf.	22 1/2	23 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	22 1/2	23 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	20 1/2	21 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	72 1/2	73 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	72 1/2	73 1/2	
Boeing Airplane	35 1/2	36 1/2	
Borden Co.	26 1/2	27 1/2	
Briggs Manufacturing	58 1/2	59 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan	54 1/2	55 1/2	
Trans	54 1/2	55 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan	101 1/2	102 1/2	
\$8 cum. pf.	152 1/2	153 1/2	
Case, J.I.	134 1/2	135 1/2	
Canadian Pacific	27 1/2	28 1/2	
Celanese Corp. of America	67 1/2	68 1/2	
Cerro de Pasco	144 1/2	145 1/2	
Certain-Tied Products	85 1/2	86 1/2	
Chesapeake Corp.	122 1/2	123 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	174 1/2	175 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	102 1/2	103 1/2	
Columbia Gas & El.	70 1/2	71 1/2	
Columbia 5% "A" pf.	102 1/2	103 1/2	
Commercial Credit	70 1/2	71 1/2	
Commercial Solvents	164 1/2	165 1/2	
Commonwealth & S.	38 1/2	39 1/2	
Commonwealth \$8	71 1/2	72 1/2	
cum. pf.	45 1/2	46 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	144 1/2	145 1/2	
Continental Oil	394 1/2	395 1/2	
Corn. Products	692 1/2	693 1/2	
Curtiss Wright (C.)	74 1/2	75 1/2	
Curtiss Wright "A"	21 1/2	22 1/2	
Delaware & Hudson	452 1/2	453 1/2	
Del. Lackawanna & Western	932 1/2	933 1/2	
Distillers Corp. Sea-	252 1/2	253 1/2	
grams	74 1/2	75 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	182 1/2	183 1/2	
Du Pont	122 1/2	123 1/2	
Electric Boat	20 1/2	21 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	68 1/2	69 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	79 1/2	80 1/2	
Elec. Power & Light	20 1/2	21 1/2	
Elec. Power & Light	34 1/2	35 1/2	
\$7 pf.	36 1/2	37 1/2	
Firestone Tire & R.	31 1/2	32 1/2	
Flintkote	50 1/2	51 1/2	
Gen. Asphalt	51 1/2	52 1/2	
Gen. Cigar	40 1/2	41 1/2	
Gen. Electric	67 1/2	68 1/2	
Gen. Foods	492 1/2	493 1/2	
Gen. Motors	16 1/2	17 1/2	
Gen. Railway Signal	24 1/2	25 1/2	
Gillette Safety Razor	122 1/2	123 1/2	
Gillette	324 1/2	325 1/2	
Gold Dust	244 1/2	245 1/2	
Goodrich (B.F.)	28 1/2	29 1/2	
Goodrich \$5 pf.	28 1/2	29 1/2	
Goodyear	1 1/2	1 1/2	

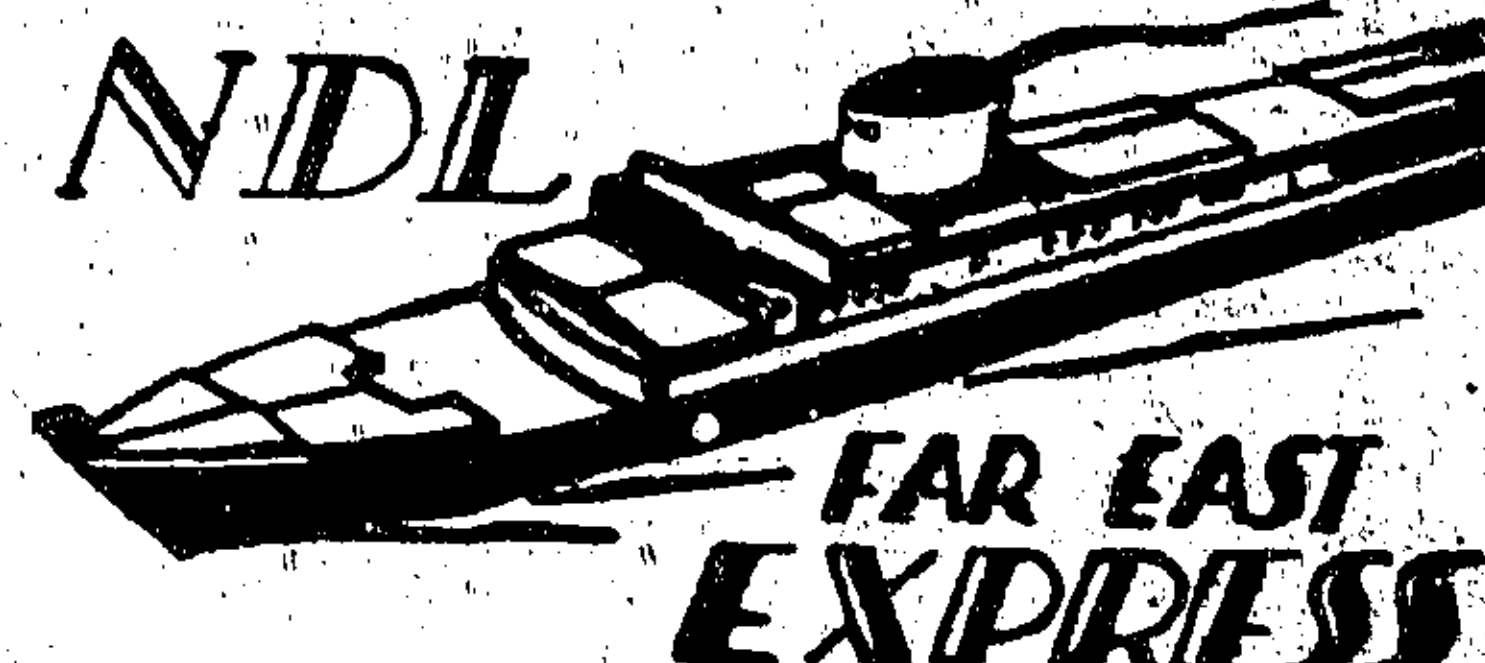
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Another Site?

Inquiry and examination of Gosford House Hotel aerodrome, which is owned by the Earl of Wemyss, have suggested that this may be yet another site under consideration for the Edinburgh municipal aerodrome which has so far not materialized. A variation in the case of Gosford House is that the aerodrome may be jointly acquired and used by the Air Ministry and the municipality, the former for the purpose of a training station. If this scheme proves

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correct the cost to Edinburgh will be greatly reduced. An Air Ministry official, and other experts, have examined the Gosford House aerodrome, and it is much nearer the city than Gosford House to London.



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Europe	Scharnhorst	Mar. Rangoon, Port D. M., C. Hampton, Rotterdam, Bremen, Hamburg	Dec. 22
	Traveller	Mar. Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Hamburg	Dec. 22
Straits & Ceylon	Scharnhorst	S'pore, Penang, Malacca, Colombo	Dec. 22
	Traveller	Singapore, Malacca	Dec. 22
Manila	Scharnhorst	Manila	Dec. 22
Shanghai & Japan	Potdam	S'hai, Yokohama, Kobe	Jan. 12
Shanghai, North China & Japan	Havel	Shanghai, Dairen, Tsingtao, Yantai, Nagoya, Kobe, Osaka	Jan. 9
South Sea Islands	Bremheraven	Madang, Tulagi, Rabaul, etc.	Jan. 20

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Hong Kong, Dec. 10.
Silver prices dropped 3/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 21 1/16 for Ready and Forward. Silver advances reported speculators as having sold India bought. The market was quietly steady. After the official fixing a small business was done at 1/16 under the quoted rate. The market was lifeless. In America the rate was quoted at 45 for Spot.
The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 49 3/8. New York-London was quoted at 4.89 31/32.
MARKET
Quiet. Rates were a shade

lower than yesterday. The tone was not so robust.

STERLING

Opened with sellers at 1/2 15/16 December-April leading to business later at 1/2 31/32 for Cash and end of January. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/2 15/16 December-March and probably April, buyers at 1/2 31/32 for any delivery.

U.S. DOLLARS

Business was done at 30 9/16 for cash. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 30 1/2 December-March, buyers at 30 9/16 December-March.

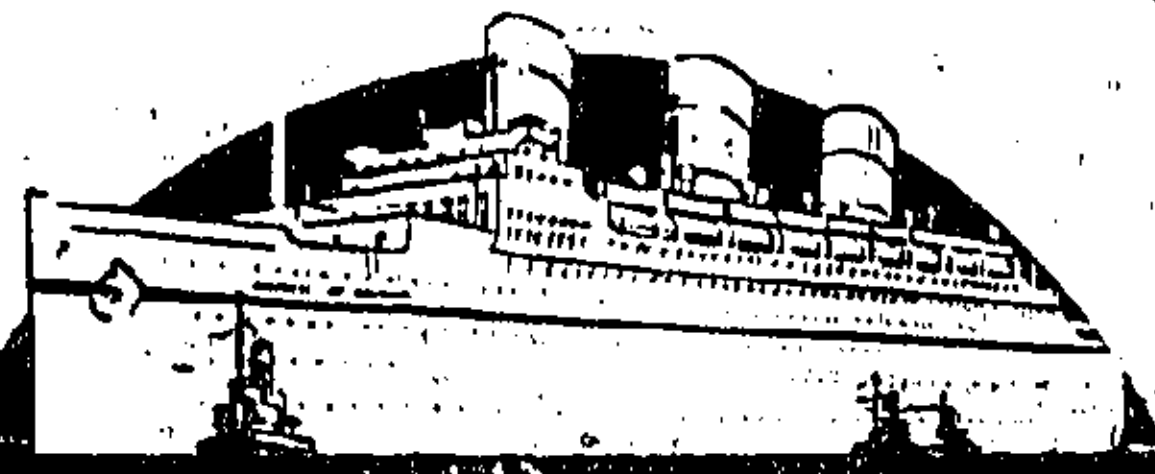
SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers at 102 11/16, buyers at 102 3/4 for cash.

SHANGHAI MARKET

There were sellers of Sterling at 1/2 11/32, buyers at 1/2 9/16 for Spot. U.S. Dollars, sellers at 29 11/16, buyers at 29 3/4 for Spot.

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HIYE MARU (Starts from Kobe) Saturday, 26th Dec.
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+ NOSHIRO MARU ... Saturday, 2nd Jan.
+ NAKO MARU ... Wednesday, 13th Jan.

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+ TAKAKA MARU ... Thursday, 7th Jan.

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SUWA MARU ... Saturday, 19th Dec.
FUSHIMI MARU ... Saturday, 2nd Jan.
HAKOZAKI MARU ... Saturday, 16th Jan.

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ATSUTA MARU ... Saturday, 26th Dec.
KITANO MARU ... Saturday, 23rd Jan.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.
+ ANYO MARU ... Friday, 11th Dec.
+ TOYAMA MARU ... Monday, 28th Dec.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
+ MALAKA MARU ... Wednesday, 16th Dec.
+ NAGATO MARU ... Tuesday, 29th Dec.

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Daily Statement, Clearances,
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MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS

To-Day's Arrivals

(BY T. S. M.)

S.S. "D'ARTAGNAN"
The S.S. "D'Artagnan" of Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes is due here this morning. She comes from Saigon, and will sail for Shanghai and Japan this afternoon.
Letters of destination will be received at the General Post Office up to 1:30 p.m. to-day.

S.S. "G.G. PAUL DOUMER"
The S.S. "G.G. Paul Doumer" of Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes is due here to-day, and will be moored to one of the Harbour Buoys.

She comes from Haiphong, and will sail for Port Bayard, Hanoi, Pakhoi and Haiphong on Monday, December 14.
Letters of destination will be received at the General Post Office up to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14.

S.S. "RANCHI"
The S.S. "Ranchi" of the P. and O. Line (Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company, Agents) arrived here yesterday, and berthed at the Kowloon Wharf.

She came from Japan and Shanghai, and will leave here for the Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe (via Marseilles—due Marseilles, January 8, 1937) to-morrow.

Parcels will be received at the General Post Office up to 5:00 p.m. to-day, while registered articles and letters of destination will be received up to 9:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to-morrow.
Registered articles and letters for the "K.L.M. Service"—due Amsterdam, December 21—will be received at the General Post Office up to 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. to-morrow.

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF ASIA"
The R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Limited arrived at Yokohama on Wednesday, December 9 at 3:00 p.m., and left Yokohama on Thursday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m.
She is due at Hong Kong on Wednesday, December 16 at 8:00 a.m., and will leave Hong Kong for Manila on the same day at 5:00 p.m.

S.S. "PHILOCTETES"
The S.S. "Philoctetes" of the Blue Funnel Line (Butterfield and Swire, Agents) is due here to-morrow at noon, and will berth at the Kowloon Wharf.

She comes from the Straits, and will leave here for Shanghai and Europe (via Siberia) on Sunday.

Letters of destination will be received at the General Post Office up to 5:00 p.m. to-morrow.

S.S. "TJISONDARI"
The S.S. "Tjisondari" of the Java-China-Japan Line is due here on Sunday, and will be moored to one of the Harbour Buoys.

She comes from Shanghai and Amoy, and will sail for Batavia on Tuesday, December 15.

Letters of destination will be received at the General Post Office up to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15.

ARRIVALS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Anshun, British steamer, 1,869 tons, Captain G. N. Campbell, from Amoy, Takoo Dock—B & S.

Serokkerk, Dutch steamer, 4,049 tons, Captain F. L. Luyjes, from Shanghai, general cargo, berthing at buoy No. A3—J. C. J. Line.

Glenafarie, British steamer, 4,908 tons, Captain D. H. Williams, from Antwerp and Middlesbrough, London, Singapore and Seletar, general cargo, berthing at Holt's Wharf—J. M. & Co.

Huashan Maru, Japanese steamer, 1,284 tons, Captain Y. Takayama, from Tientsin via Swatow, general cargo, buoy No. B12—N. Y. K.

Malaya, Danish steamer, 5,511 tons, Captain P. Sorensen, from Dalren via Shanghai, general cargo, Kowloon Wharf—J. M. & Co.

Anyo Maru, Japanese steamer, 5,741 tons, Captain H. Taguchi, from Shanghai, general cargo, berthing at Kowloon Wharf—N. Y. K.

Daviken, Norwegian steamer, 1,778 tons, Captain G. Svane, from Hingtau and Shanghai via Swatow, general cargo, berthing at West Point Wharf—J. M. & Co.

Tonjer, Norwegian steamer, 1,949 tons, Captain T. Kvamme, from Chinwangtao, general cargo, lying at buoy No. B25—Dodwell & Co.

Hupei, British steamer, 1,828 tons, Captain J. D. Whyte, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B3—B & S.

Shun Chih, British steamer, 1,173 tons, Captain W. J. Freer, from Swatow, general cargo, buoy No. B5—Wo Fat Sing.

Mao Lee, Chinese steamer, 1,222 tons, Captain S. Sano, from Tientsin, general cargo, buoy No. C1—Yee Tai Hong.

Dah Pu, Norwegian steamer, 1,146 tons, Captain A. Buhre, from Canton, buoy No. B8—J. M. & Co.

Hai Ching, British steamer, 1,322 tons, Captain W. B. Patey, from Pakhoi via Hoihow, general cargo, lying at Yau-matli—Douglas & Co.

Liberator, American steamer, 5,750 tons, Captain Laurence, from Mobile via Shanghai, cargo—fuel oil and etc., lying at Tsun Wan—L. Everett Inc.

Arbia, Italian steamer, 4,480 tons, Captain L. Giovannini, from Saigon, general cargo, buoy No. A12—Lloyd Trieste.

Kurohime Maru, Japanese steamer, 2,893 tons, Captain U. Kutsuzawa, from Keelung, general cargo, Kowloon Wharf—M. B. K.

King Yuan, British steamer, 1,546 tons, Captain R. Allison, from Canton, buoy No. B20—B & S.

Office up to 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 15.

S.S. "CANTON"
The S.S. "Canton" of Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes will arrive here on Sunday, and will be moored to one of the Harbour Buoys.

She comes from Haiphong, and will leave again for Haiphong on Tuesday, December 15.

Letters of destination will be received at the General Post Office up to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15.

NEWS FROM THE WATERFRONT

Freight And Asiatic Passengers Returns

(BY LONGSHOREMAN)

During the 24 hours ended at 9:00 a.m. yesterday, the freight returns, received from the Harbour Office, showed a considerably high tonnage movement, a large proportion of which being contributed by Chinese and Japanese ships.

The total tonnage of general cargo carried by vessels to the Colony was 14,284 tons, with British steamers carrying 2,281 tons.

Through cargo for ports beyond the Colony amounted to 25,786 tons, of which 3,550 tons were carried by British steamers.

Asiatic deck passengers entering into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were 1,485, of which 561 were from British steamers.

There were altogether seventeen arrivals of which five were of British registry, the remainder being of other nationalities, while of the 18 departures, six were British ships, the rest being of other different countries. Particulars as follows:—

Nationality	Ships	Tonnage
British	5	5,831
Dutch	1	7,992
German	1	5,770
Norwegian	2	2,782
Portuguese	1	220
Japanese	2	8,225
Chinese	5	9,230
Total	17	40,050

IN WIRELESS TOUCH

The list of the ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong Radio:—

D'Artagnan, Schamhorst, Rajputana, President McKinley, Tatsuta Maru, Ranchi, Anyo Maru, King Sang, Nagisan Maru, Lee Ping, Lahm, Eng Lee, Denmark, G.G. Paul Doumer, England Maru, Michael Jensen, Zulkherk, Fukunori Maru, Belray, Malaysia, Radnorshire, Jeypore, Serookerk, Benarty, Hozan Maru, Hague Maru, Halashan Maru, Tjalsak, Corabank, Tonjer, Nachisan Maru, Barentsz.

Pronto, Norwegian steamer, 1,283 tons, Captain B. Moller, from Swatow, general cargo, China Merchant S. N. Co's Wharf—C. M. S. N. & Co.

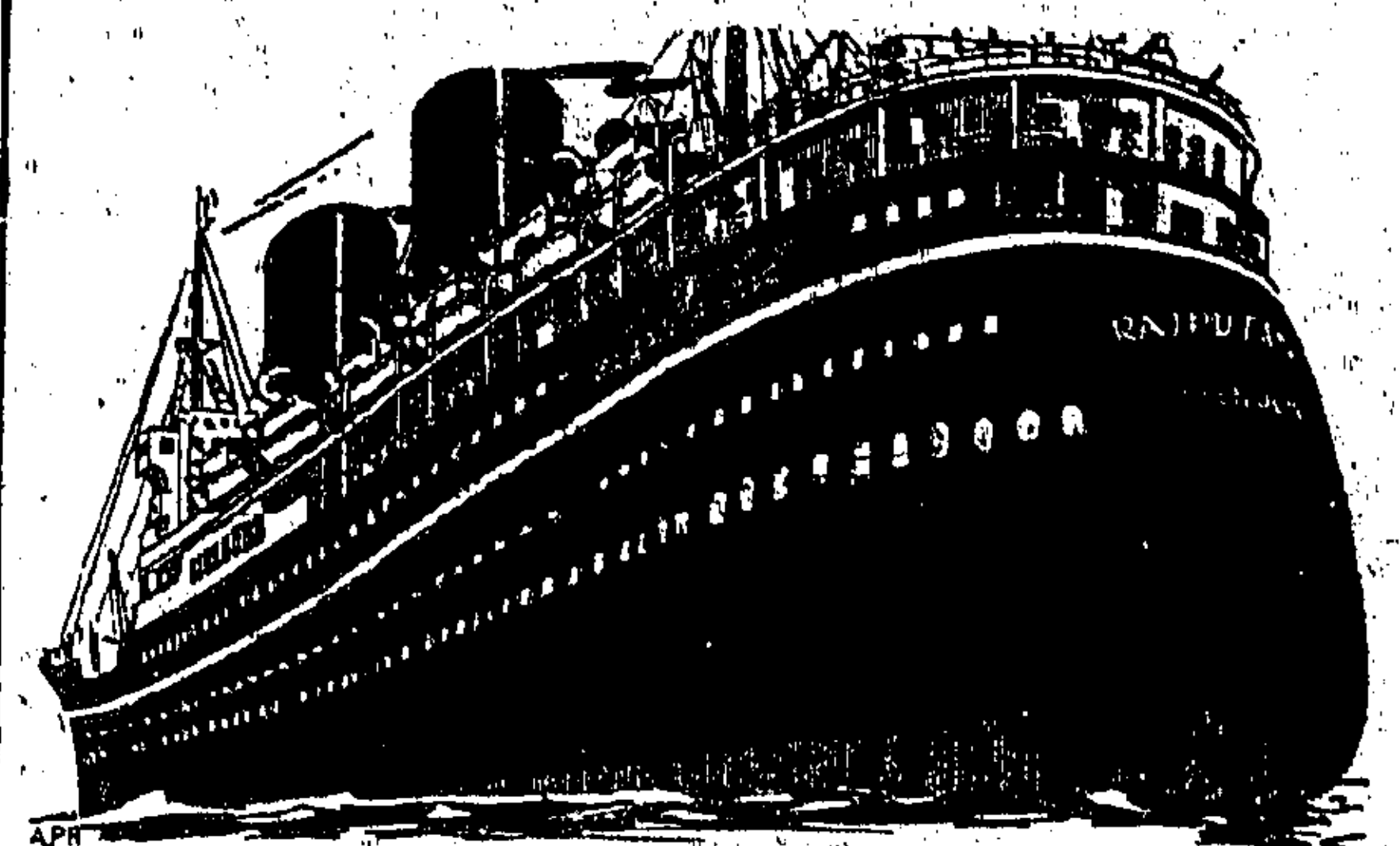
Rajputana, British steamer, 9,455 tons, Captain W. A. Cotching, from London via Singapore, general cargo, Kowloon Wharf—M. M. & Co.

Kalgan, British steamer, 1,556 tons, Capt. C. B. L. Stringer, from Bangkok via Swatow, general cargo, buoy No. B15—B & S.

Lyemoon, British steamer, 1,734 tons, Captain E. Holmes, from Saigon, buoy No. B7—Wo Fat Sing.

Neckar, German steamer, 5,273 tons, Captain H. Kerckhof, from Dalren via Shanghai, general cargo, Kowloon Wharf—Melchers & Co.

Kunhsing, Chinese steamer, 1,528 tons, Captain S. Morimoto, from Newchwang, general cargo, lying at buoy No. B17—Yee Tai Hong.



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COMORIN	15,000	26th Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
ALIPORE	5,000	27th Dec.	Bombay & Karachi
SOMALI	7,000	2nd Jan.	B'way, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, H'burg, R'dam, & Antwerp
TRAJPUTANA	17,000	9th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RANPURA	17,000	23rd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
BANGALORE	5,000	30th Jan.	Mara, Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, & Antwerp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	17,000	6th Feb.	Marseilles & London
COEPU	14,500	30th Feb.	do
BHUTAN	5,000	27th Feb.	Mara, Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, & Antwerp & Hull
NALDERA	16,000	6th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
BEHERA	6,000	13th Mar.	Mara, Havre, London, Hamburg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull
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NELLORE	7,000	30th Jan.	
TANDA	7,000	6th Mar.	

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

TALMA	10,000	24th Dec.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
RANPURA	17,000	25th Dec.	
BANGALORE	5,000	26th Dec.	Shanghai & Japan
NELLORE	7,000	3rd Jan.	
SIRDHANA	8,000	3rd Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
RAWALPINDI	17,000	7th Jan.	
SHIRALA	8,000	21st Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
COEPU	14,500	22nd Jan.	
BHUTAN	5,000	23rd Jan.	Shanghai & Japan

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TENSE SCENE IN PARLIAMENT

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"I like to say at the start that His Majesty as Prince of Wales honoured me for many years with friendship which I value. I know he would agree with me in saying to you it was not only friendship between man and man, but friendship and affection, and I would like to tell the House when we said goodbye on Tuesday night at Fort Belvedere we both felt and said to each other that our friendship so far has been unimpaired, and our discussions in these last few weeks have bound us more closely together than it ever did and would last for life." (Cheers.)

Describing how he had the first interview with His Majesty, the Premier, said he was disquieted by the vast volume of correspondence, mainly from Britishers in America and also from the Dominions, expressing perturbation over what was appearing in the American press.

He was warned also that the divorce case was coming on soon, the result of which made him realise that possibly a difficult situation might arise later. He felt it was essential for someone to see His Majesty and warn him of the difficult situation that might arise later if occasion is given for continuation of this kind of gossip and criticism, and the danger that might come if the gossip and criticism were brought from the other side of the Atlantic to England.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW
He felt in the circumstances that only one man could speak to the King and talk over the matter namely the Prime Minister. He felt deeply bound by duty to the country and the King not only as counsel but as friend, and he was ashamed to say he consulted none of his colleagues who, however, have forgiven him.

He was staying in the neighbourhood of Fort Belvedere in mid-October and ascertained that the King was leaving on the afternoon of October 10 to entertain a shooting party in Sandringham. Mr. Baldwin telephoned on the morning of that day and found the King had already left, so he communicated with him through his Secretary and stated that he desired to see him (This said Mr. Baldwin, was the first and only occasion on which he asked for an interview and as the matter was urgent he told him what it was).

Mr. Baldwin expressed willingness to go to Sandringham on October 20, but said he thought it wiser for the King to see him at Fort Belvedere for he was anxious that nobody should then know his visit and anyhow their first talk should be completely private. He informed the King on his return from Belvedere on October 19 that he would see him on the morning of the next day.

Mr. Baldwin here remarked that an adviser to the Crown could do no possible service to his master unless he told him from time to time the truth as he saw it (Cheers), whether the truth was welcome or not.

KING NOT OFFENDED
During the talks there was nothing he had not told His Majesty of what he felt the King ought to be aware. His Majesty never showed any sign of offence, of being hurt at anything Mr. Baldwin said to him. The whole discussions were carried out with increased if possible mutual respect and regard.

Mr. Baldwin told him he had two great anxieties. One was the effect of continuance of the kind of criticism then proceeding in the American press and Dominions, particularly Canada, where it was widespread and the effect it would have in England, and then, said Mr. Baldwin, "I reminded him what I often told him and his brothers in years past that the British monarchy was an unique institution in the Crown in this country. Through centuries it has been deprived of many of its prerogatives yet to-day it stands for far more than it has done at any time in the history of the country."

—Reuter.

TEST CRICKET CAPTAIN

Allen Suffering From
Knee Trouble

Brisbane, Dec. 10.
G. O. B. Allen, captain of the England cricket team, is suffering from knee trouble, believed to be water, and is proceeding to Sydney to see a doctor. However, it is almost certain that he will be fit to play in the Second Test.

—Reuter.

KING EDWARD ABDICATES

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NATION IN SUSPENSE

The general consensus of opinion in well-informed quarters is that His Majesty remains totally unmoved by the grave political considerations the Prime Minister may be supposed to have pressed upon him in recent interview," observes the "Daily Telegraph," in an editorial.

"Indeed, it may fairly be presumed that every single person with whom His Majesty has taken counsel, even those who may have supported the unhappy project of a morganatic marriage, will have done their utmost to dissuade him from the idea of abdicating the throne.

"In any case, whether the strong rumours prove justified or not, there is a gathering impatience with the protracted delay. The reasons for an early, indeed an immediate, declaration, accumulate every hour. The nation is in suspense. Disillusionment is spreading.

"Institutions are greater than individuals. The Crown, be it said, with entire respect, is more than its wearer."

—Reuter.

DUBLIN MEETING

Dublin, Dec. 10.
Mr. Eamon de Valera presided over a meeting of Irish Free State Ministers last night which is understood to have been called as a result of a communication from London, presumably from the Dominions' Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald.

In addition to the Ministers, the Permanent Secretary and Legal Adviser of the Department of External Affairs was present. No statement with regard to the meeting has been issued hitherto. The Free State Executive Council is expected to meet to-day.

—Reuter.

DESPATCH RIDERS

London, Dec. 10.
Despatch riders left No. 10, Downing Street at 2.30 a.m. for Fort Belvedere. Members of Mr. Baldwin's staff assisted one of the riders to secure a black tin box to which was affixed a great red seal.

—Reuter.

LIGHTS BURNING

All lights in the rooms on the ground floor of No. 10, Downing Street, were still burning at 2 a.m., when members of Mr. Baldwin's staff, bearing a sheaf of documents, crossed over to the Colonial Office.

Since midnight, messengers have been constantly going to and from the Colonial Office, where Sir Thomas Inskip remained until 2.08 a.m.

A small crowd watched the proceedings despite a cold fog.

—Reuter.

DUKES VISIT KING

London, Dec. 10.
The Dukes of York, Gloucester and Kent arrived at Fort Belvedere at 9.45 a.m. each driving his own car.

—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S MESSAGE

Canberra, Dec. 10.
Mr. J. A. Lyons, the Australian Premier, announced in the House of Representatives that he telegraphed the King in the name of his subjects in the Commonwealth of Australia asking him "to continue to reign over us."

—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

WAITING FOR THE FATEFUL NEWS

British Feeling In
Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 10.
With the King's abdication apparently inevitable, the entire British community in Shanghai is anxiously awaiting Mr. Baldwin's statement in the Commons this afternoon. Even though the nature of the statement is likely to bring profound regret, all quarters will have a sigh of relief at the end of the crisis which last week plunged the Empire into doubt and suspense.

Although absolute confirmation is still lacking, the assumption that the King has decided on this irrevocable step rather than renounce his marriage with Mrs. Simpson has now become general. Newspapers are preparing to wait until the last possible minute for the fateful news which is expected in Shanghai around 2 o'clock in the morning and will be immediately flashed to all points in China.

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LONDON SILVER MARKET

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, Dec. 10.

London silver prices to-day were up 1/8 as follows:—

	Dec. 9.	Dec. 10.
Spot	21-1/16	21-3/16
Forward	21-1/16	21-3/16

—Reuter.

FORMER KING'S CAREER

Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David, succeeded his father King George V on January 22 this year.

He was proclaimed King Edward VIII in St. James Palace amid traditional ceremony. Born on June 23, 1894, Edward, as Prince of Wales, was the idol of the Empire and the most popular young man in the world. His popularity was so great that it was proof against even the thoughtless flattery that inevitably pursued him. Edward was undoubtedly popular because he was the son of a popular King. The glamour of birth predisposes people in his favour. But far more than any such glorious accident is the power of personal equation.

Another thing about ex-King Edward, significant in the formation of character, is that he went through English public schools—Osborne and Dartmouth—and he put in a spell at sea in the Navy, which means, broadly, that he went through school, and learned the lessons of that hard little world.

He has made visits to many parts of the far-flung British Empire.

As Prince of Wales he visited Hong Kong in 1921, travelling aboard H.M.S. Renown. During his stay here the Prince took part in a polo match at Causeway Bay.

—Reuter.

POPULAR MONARCH

As King Edward VIII he enjoyed equal popularity. His accession to the Throne brought world-wide joy and the people acclaimed His Majesty with enthusiasm.

One incident during his reign is still fresh in the minds of all. It is the attempt that was made on his life on July 16 this year. His Majesty was returning on horseback along Constitution Hill after presenting Colours to the Guards in Hyde Park, when a man in the crowd was seen to have something in his hand that glistened. It was a revolver. As the King approached the weapon was thrown at his horse. There was much excitement. But His Majesty rode on quite unperturbed and attended to his official state duties at St. James Palace the same night.

The man was identified as George Andrew McMahon who is now serving a term of twelve months in prison.

His Majesty recently paid a visit to the distressed areas in South Wales where he was greeted with enthusiasm.

He was deeply touched by what he saw and on his return to London summoned Sir Kingsley Wood, the Minister of Health, with whom he conferred for some time.

DUKE OF YORK

Albert Frederick Arthur George, Duke of York, was born on December 14, 1895, and on April 28, 1923, was married to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, the daughter of the Earl of Strathmore.

They have two daughters, Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, of York, born on April 21, 1926, and Princess Margaret Rose, of York, who was born on August 21, 1930.

FRENCH ENVOY TO WASHINGTON

Paris, Dec. 9.
France is to send an Ambassador to Washington who is an expert in the international debt question so that he can negotiate for a settlement of the Franco-American war debt question, according to reports from political circles of this city. The name of Deputy Bonnet is mentioned in this connection and it is reported that he declared himself willing to assume these duties.

—Transocean News Service.

FOREIGN MAILS

The public is hereby notified that an annex to the Radio Office is now open on the first floor of the General Post Office Building to deal with Radio telegrams to or from ships and aircraft, steamer advices of vessels passing the lighthouses and Broadcast Receiving Licences.

The office will remain open day and night. Access to this office is obtained through the main entrance to the G.P.O. Building at the corner of Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road. A night bell is provided to attract the attention of the constable on duty during the hours when the main entrance doors are closed.

Telegrams other than those mentioned above should be handed in to the main Radio Office on the ground floor of the P. & O. Building as heretofore.

On and after the 5th December, the letter box at the Canton Steamer Wharf will be abolished. Correspondence intended to go by the night steamer to Canton after the mail has closed in the General Post Office at 8 p.m. must be posted at the Sheungwan Post Office up to the following times:—

Weekdays	9.30 p.m.
Sundays & Holidays	8.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS AIR MAIL FOR GREAT BRITAIN BY "IMPERIAL AIRWAYS SERVICE"

The Christmas Air Mail for Great Britain by "Imperial Airways Service" will be closed in the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office on Friday the 11th December by the R.M.A. Dorado as follows:—
Registered 8.00 p.m. 10th December.
Ordinary 8.30 a.m. 11th December.
This mail is due to arrive at London on the 21st December.

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

FROM	PER	DATE
SAIGON	D'Arriaguan	11th Dec.
HAIPHONG	G. G. Paul Doumer	11th Dec.
SHANGHAI and AMOY	Chiang Kai-shek	12th Dec.
STRAITS	Philippines	12th Dec.
SAWAI and AMOY	Tyiondori	12th Dec.
HAIPHONG	Canton	13th Dec.
JAPAN	Dakar Maru	14th Dec.
J	Malacca Maru	15th Dec.
STRAITS	Terakuni Maru	15th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Amoy	15th Dec.
STRAITS	Pres. Doumer	15th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Emp. of Asia	16th Dec.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Chiang Kai-shek	16th Dec.
AMOY	Sawai Maru	17th Dec.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Sawai Maru	18th Dec.
J and S	Tyiondori	19th Dec.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, PANAMA and SHANGHAI	Amoy Maru	19th Dec.
HAIPHONG (from Hong Kong, 15th Nov-memo)	Tokushima Maru	20th Dec.
STRAITS	Kinross Maru	20th Dec.
AUSTRALIA and MANILA	Rio de Janeiro Maru	20th Dec.
JAPAN	Manchukuo	20th Dec.
STRAITS, MANILA and London Parcel	Taipei	20th Dec.
London, 18th November		
CALCUTTA and STRAITS		

OUTWARD MAILS

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

FOR	PER	DATE AND TIME
FRIDAY		
Letters for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 21st December.	R.M.A. Dorado	Friday, 11th G.P.O. & K.P.O. Let. 11th, 8.30 a.m.
Letters for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin, 15th December.	R.M.A. Dorado	Let. 11th, 8.30 a.m. G.P.O. & K.P.O. 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Bercolet	Reg. 11th, 9.15 a.m.
Amoy	Philippines	Let. 11th, 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honoluli, Canada, U.S.A. and EUROPE via Vancouver, B.C., (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver, 10. 29th December.	Emp. of Japan	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and EUROPE via Siberia	Rajputana	10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihowa Pakhoi and Haiphong	Wing W.	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Kinross Maru	1.00 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	D'Arriaguan	1.30 p.m.
Dairin, Canada, U.S.A., and EUROPE via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 6th January.	Izium	Reg. 12th, 5.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 6th January.	Ranchi	Reg. 12th, 5.00 p.m. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Par. 11th, 5.00 p.m. Reg. 12th, 9.45 a.m. Let. 12th, 1.30 a.m.
SATURDAY		
Letters for "K.L.M. Service"—due Amsterdam, 21st Dec.	Ranchi	Saturday, 12th. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.30 a.m. Let. 10.00 a.m.
Amoy	Philippines	1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and EUROPE via Siberia	Philippines	8.00 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Canton Maru	Sunday, 13th. 8.00 a.m.
SUNDAY		
Fort Bayard, Hoihowa Pakhoi and Haiphong	G. G. Paul Doumer	1.00 p.m.
TUESDAY		
Batavia	Tyiondori	Tuesday, 15th. 9.30 a.m.
Letters for Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by "Pan-American Airways Service"—due San Francisco, 22nd December.	Changto	Reg. 9.30 a.m. Let. 10.00 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 9th December.	Changto	Par. 14th, 6.00 p.m. Reg. 14th, 9.45 a.m. Let. 15th, 10.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan	10.30 a.m.
Letters for "Air Orient Service"—due Marseilles, 27th Dec.		
Batavia, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 11th January.	Pres. Doumer	Reg. 12.30 p.m. Let. 1.00 p.m.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Reg. 1.45 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m.

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